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Fire crews deal with big blaze at barn

FIREFIGHTERS have revealed how they managed to stop a blaze in former stables spreading to gas cylinders and to a nearby house.

Fire crews from across Shropshire went to Bramble Barn on the edge of Weston Rhyn near Oswestry after the fire caught hold on Monday evening.

It gutted the stable block and destroyed a car and a truck inside.

Station officer, John Davies from Oswestry fire service said his crew was first on the scene.

"We could see the flames from a very long distance away," he said.

"The main problem was the cylinders that were inside the building.

"One or two of them had popped but we managed to cool down the others and prevent them exploding. It is one of the worst type of incidents for firefighters to deal with."

Mr Davies said the other main concern had been to stop the fire from spreading to the nearby house.

"We set up a water curtain which prevented the flames jumping over to the house," he said.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

Chef Caines helps launch restaurant

MICHELIN-STARRED chef Michael Caines was in Oswestry this week to launch a new restaurant.

Mr Caines has acted as consultant for The Townhouse, in Willow Street, and helped oversee the appointment of key staff, kitchen design and layout, and menu creation.

On Wednesday he met some prospective customers at a preview evening. Guests were invited to take a tour before meeting Mr Caines.

"The Townhouse is a really exciting project to have become involved with," Mr Caines said.

Owners Mike Scott and Ollie Jackson said: "This is really big news for Oswestry and we hope that it will be a massive boost for the town's restaurants as a restaurant by Michael Caines' will really put Oswestry on the food map."

Breast-feeding mum hits out at Facebook



Emma Bond with a photo of her four-week-old baby Carene Esme Kitchen

IT was one of the most important moments of Emma Bond's life – and that of the very perilous life of her tiny daughter.

After being born at just 28 weeks and weighing just two pounds and five ounces, Carene, at just three days old, was so poorly in the special baby care unit in Telford that Emma was told she might not survive the night.

So just three weeks later when the little girl was strong enough to have her first breast feed rather than feeding through a tube, her mum was so thrilled she shared the moment on her Facebook page.

But after one person who saw the photo complained to the social networking site, Facebook took it down.

It was a decision that upset the 24-year-old mum so much that she shared the news with a breast feeding support group on Facebook.

The post went viral with almost 30,000 shares and a massive 234,194 likes, supporting Emma's view that the photo was not in bad taste.

Now, after reviewing the decision to remove the photo, it seems that Facebook has had a change of heart as it has reappeared on the site.

Emma said: "Only those people who are on my friends list would have seen the photo and I only have friends that I know. Although 99 per cent of my friends were fully supportive of the photograph, one decided to take offence and reported the photo to Facebook.

"It was never my intention to cause offence. Breast feeding is completely natural, and whereas I would never normally have posted such a photo, the importance of Carene being able to take a feed made it a really special moment for both of us."

"I decided to share the taking down of the post with a breast feeding support group and within hours thousands of people had shared it."

Many mothers posted their own photos of feeding their babies in support of Emma.

Roads to reopen as pipe repair work ends

WORK costing £500,000 to replace a number of burst water pipes – which has caused road closures and disruption in Welshpool – will be completed by the end of the week.

About three kilometres of new water pipes have been installed along Gungrog Road, Gungrog Hill and Salop Road and neighbouring streets since August.

Severn Trent Water has confirmed it is close to finishing repairs in the area and has thanked residents for their patience while roads have been closed.

Work on Gungrog Road was brought forward to early August after supplies to a primary school and the town's hospital were affected.

Gareth Mead, spokesman for Severn Trent Water, said: "We'd like to thank the residents of Welshpool for their patience while we complete the work in Gungrog Road – we're working hard and we're happy to say that the work should be finished and everything back to normal by the end of the week."

"All of the bursts and supply interruptions last year show exactly why we needed to do this work, especially as water supply at the hospital and local primary school were affected. In total we've invested nearly half a million pounds to install just under three kilometres of new pipes."

Rush-hour crash causes road chaos

A FIVE-car rush-hour accident on one of the busiest roads heading into Shropshire caused huge tailbacks.

The accident on the Halton roundabout at the junction of the A5 and A483 caused huge queues through Chirk.

It led to the southbound carriageway heading into Shropshire being closed for an hour-and-a-half while emergency services worked to recover vehicles and clear the scene.

No-one was seriously hurt in the accident, which happened at about 5.45pm on Friday, but traffic quickly built up on the A483 heading north towards Wrexham and on approach roads south of Chirk.

CRACKDOWN ON ALLEY ARSONISTS

POLICE, fire, business and council representatives are to meet to discuss how to improve an alleyway in Oswestry which has been targeted by arsonists over the summer.

Clawdd Du Passage in Oswestry town centre has been the site of three arson attacks in recent weeks, including one which led to a family having to be rescued from their flat by firefighters.

Town councillors have now agreed that something should be done to prevent further incidents in the area.

At Oswestry Town Council's meeting on Monday Councillor Martin Bennett raised a motion on the issue.

"Following the recent incidents of this alley being set alight I wondered if we could come up

Report by Pam Kingsley

with a few ideas of how to make the area safer and perhaps more attractive," he said.

"The primary issue seems to be the rubbish bins which are kept in the alleyway. If they can't be enclosed, should moves be put in hand to close off the alleyway?"

Oswestry's mayor, Councillor John Gareth Jones, said the area was already covered by CCTV but that more could be done to make the area safer.

Empty

He said: "It's a mess down there, but the problem with locking the gates at either end to restrict access is that it's the only access to the flats on top."

"Perhaps the empty toilet blocks down there could be opened up to put the waste bins in there under lock and key. It would clear up that area immensely."

"It's a disgrace for Oswestry really at the moment."

Councillor Chris Schofield said everything should be done to make sure people felt safe using the alleyway and that there was no repeat of the arson attacks.

"I think we should put better lighting in there to start with," he said.

"I don't think we should have any no-go areas in Oswestry. I would support the mayor's idea and get it cleaned up."

It was also suggested during the meeting that Veolia could be asked to supply metal bins for the alleyway instead of plastic, as they would be less susceptible to fire.

In two of the arson attacks the bins had been pushed against doors before arsonists started the fires.

Earlier this month police found furniture stacked up against another doorway, although this hadn't been set alight.

The council agreed to ask the town clerk, David Preston, to arrange a meeting with representatives from Shropshire Fire & Rescue, the police, Veolia and the businesses and residents from Clawdd Du Passage to discuss the ideas further.



Councillor Martin Bennett

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PICTURE PREVIEW



Musicians and artists staged a non-stop open mic night in Llanfyllin - See Page 5 for the full story

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Budding entrepreneurs to get a lift at college event

Report by Sue Austin

A Shropshire college is to help people who have dreamt of starting up their own business.

Walford and North Shropshire College is staging a one-off event entitled Business Boot Camp. It is hoped the occasion will take some of the stress and confusion out of setting up a business.

Father goes on trek to support air ambulance

A father and son raised more than £1,000 for the Wales Air Ambulance by walking 90 miles along Offa's Dyke.

John and Huw Roberts from Pant, near Oswestry, decided to set out on the trek this summer as a way of thanking the charity after John, 75, was airlifted to hospital.

"I was airlifted six years ago in September from Llanfyllin surgery to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital when I had a heart attack," he said.

"I had a triple bypass in Stoke hospital, and now I'm fine, fully recovered.

"I wanted to give something back to the air ambulance to say thank you for what they did for me."

He and Huw, 46, walked along the monument from Chepstow to Knighton during the summer.

After collecting in all their sponsorship money and donations given to the along the route, they recently visited the charity's airbase in Welshpool where they presented a cheque for £1,130.58.

Francesca Whitlock, education outreach officer for the college, said: "The Business Boot Camp is for anyone who has dreamed of starting up their own business but does not know where to start.

"There will also be a special event which focuses on women in business. These events are part of celebrations for Global Entrepreneurship Week, which this year runs from November 17 to 23."

"The college is playing an important role in the area in inspiring future entrepreneurs and offering opportunities for young people and businesses to share, learn and gain skills for life."

The college hopes that these events will encourage and promote established local businesses as well as start-ups.

Sarah Probert, business lecturer at WNSC, said: "We are proud to be engaging with the local and national business community, encouraging anyone who has started their own business to lend their time and share their experiences with our students, encouraging the next generation of business start-ups."

The Business Boot Camp will take place on November 19 at 10am at the college's Oswestry Campus.

For more information, or to register your interest, contact Sarah Probert at s.probert@wnsc.ac.uk or call on 01691 688000.

A terrifying sight for residents



Preparing for the Zombie Walk at The Centre in Oswestry, in no order, are Michelle Pike, Jessica Pyke, Sophie Pyke, Sophie Evans, Josh Page, Alice Williams, Kate Williams, Ella Hughes, Rich Adam and Jacie-Lea Jones Haynes

Halloween came early when a team of zombies shuffled their way through Oswestry.

Shoppers were surprised - to say the least - when the "living dead" made their way through Oswestry town centre as they promoted two events at a town arts centre.

Alternative

The first event - Nightmare on Oak Street - is billed as an alternative to trick-or-treating.

It will take place at The Centre in

Oak Street tomorrow night (Friday) between 6pm and 8pm for the over fives. A second event, for over 18s, will be held on Saturday night and feature live music.

The zombie promotional event was organised by Fusion Arts Oswestry, which said the stunt went "terrifyingly well".

Michelle Pike, secretary of the organisation, said: "We had a brilliant time out and about in Oswestry with youngsters and gave many shoppers a spook as they went about their business."

It went really well and we managed to drop off leaflets about our Halloween events to about 200 people.

"The costumes really raised a smile and we now hope that as many people as possible will come and mark Halloween with us."

Interesting

Mary Best, 62, of Aston Way, Oswestry, said: "It was something nice to see the youngsters getting involved in, it made a Saturday shopping really interesting."

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Popular ghost tours on at castle

TALES of hauntings by ghostly children will take centre stage at Whittington Castle this week as the ancient monument hosts its annual ghost tours.

Whittington Castle, near Oswestry, has a reputation for being haunted by the spirits of children from over the centuries, and there are many stories about encounters with spirit children.

Ghostly figures staring from the upstairs windows and strange noises from the inner bailey gatehouse will feature in the castle's ghost tours this year.

Castle manager Sue Ellis, said: "The tours last about 40 to 60 minutes and explore the grounds and inside the castle. The groups are led by the spirit guide and you encounter characters who tell their sad tales."

"The tours are suitable for children but not for the very young or those afraid of the dark. Please bring a torch or lamp and dress warmly as some is outside."

Ghost tours will run until Saturday at 6.30pm. Tickets are £3.50 per adult and £2.50 per child and tickets must be pre-booked.

On Friday, there will be a fancy dress parade from 6pm-8pm. The parade is an echo of parades held in medieval times to help light up the castle. To book a ghost tour call 01691 662500.

Speaker will focus on Celts

The next meeting of the Llanfair Historical society will take place on November 5 in the Institute, Llanfair Caereinion, at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Shelagh Hampton who will give a talk on "Who were the Celts?"

All are welcome to go along to the meeting.

Patients urged to have say at inquiry into healthcare

Report by Pam Kingsley

PUBLIC meetings will be held as part of a Parliamentary investigation into the experiences of patients having to travel across the Shropshire/Mid Wales border to receive healthcare.

People living either side of the border are being asked to contribute to the project being run by the Welsh Affairs Committee, which will report its findings to Westminster.

A meeting for people living in Mid Wales who have to travel into Shropshire or other English counties for healthcare will take place on November 24. A similar meeting for English patients who make journeys into Wales will be held in Hereford on the same day, and an online forum to share experiences will run until December 1.

Councillors on both sides of the border have urged people to get involved, as the findings could make a difference to the way health services are delivered in the future.

Communities across Mid Wales are served by the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital for key services. Fears have been raised for the future emergency treatment of people in Mid Wales should A&E services be moved away from the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Joy Jones, Powys county councillor for Newtown, said she hoped the meetings would be very well attended, and told residents they need to shout up about any concerns or issues they have with the current system.

"Because of the way the Welsh Government organises its healthcare, people who have to use English hospitals don't always get the same treatment. You might have two patients with the same condition but one is getting treatment the other isn't entitled to simply because they live over the border. We are being treated like second class citizens."

Karen Calder, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for health and chair of the health and wellbeing board, said: "There are plenty of people in Shropshire, particularly along the Marches border, who regularly use healthcare services in Wales."

To register for a place at the event contact Parliamentary Outreach at parliamentaryoutreach@parliament.uk or call (0207) 219 1650.

Cancer survivor wears it pink



The team at GHP Legal, Oswestry took part in Wear It Pink Day

STAFF at an Oswestry legal office had good reason to go into work 'in the pink' - they were raising funds for the Breast Cancer Campaign charity.

Irene Eke, receptionist at GHP Legal, was diagnosed with breast cancer 21 years ago.

She made a full recovery and now leads the annual fundraiser at the law firm. Wear it Pink sees people put on an item of pink clothing and making a donation to Breast Cancer charity.

This year's event took place last Friday in workplaces nationwide.

Irene, described as an "inspiration" by colleagues, got involved in the charity's work after she was given only a 10 per cent

chance of survival after receiving breast surgery in 1993. She fought back to health and has been raising funds for the charity ever since.

Irene, who has two daughters and four grandchildren, said: "It was obviously difficult news to hear 20 years ago but I suppose you just have to get on with it. My two daughters were at college at the time and I just had to be strong."

Richard Lloyd, a partner in the firm, said: "Irene is one of the most cheerful people I have ever met and she is an inspiration to other breast cancer sufferers and survivors in the town."

The amount raised by this year's Wear it Pink Day is being calculated.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fireworks night set for blast-off
FINAL preparations are under way for a town's bonfire and fireworks display which will take place this weekend.

The bonfire has been organised by Oswestry Town Council and the Treble Niners and will take place on Saturday at 7pm at Brogryntyn Park, Oswestry. Leader of the Treble Niners, Mike Wilkinson, said: "I hope that as many people as possible will come to Brogryntyn Park. The atmosphere is always most enjoyable."

The event, the 26th to be held, has raised over £60,000 for local good causes over the years.

Oswestry's mayor, Councillor John Gareth Jones, said: "The personnel of Oswestry Fire Station and their family and friends work so hard on this evening." Admission will be £5 for adults.

MP's plea over free vaccinations

ELDERLY people and those in other at-risk categories are being encouraged to make sure they have had their flu jabs in the run up to winter.

Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire, advised his constituents to take up the free vaccinations after he visited an event in Parliament to hear about the importance of up-to-date vaccinations.

He said: "As we approach the winter months and temperatures fall, it's important that we do what we can to make sure we are well protected."

Coffee morning to raise funds

WELSHPOOL'S Corn Exchange will host a coffee morning on Friday from 9am in aid of the senior citizens' annual new year party.

There will be a variety of stalls, tabletops, and refreshments.

The 2015 party will be held on January 27 at Welshpool Town Hall, and tickets will be available shortly.

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Mr Knowles and Mr Wright

Sculptures on way to girls' school

A life-size sculpture of a horse will soon take up residence at a girls' school. Pupils at Adcote School in Little Ness will be presented with the sculpture, created by the British Ironworks Centre near Oswestry, in the next few days. Several sculptures, including the life-size horse, decorative iron benches and a gazebo, will be delivered to the school. Gary Wright, Adcote's headmaster, said: "The British Ironworks Centre has continually demonstrated outstanding commitment to the

local community. We are delighted with these new pieces of art to enhance our growing school site and I would like to thank the ironwork centre for all their assistance. "The partnership with the ironwork centre promises to be an exciting project which will benefit the whole Adcote School community and again demonstrates the outstanding commitment of the ironwork centre to the locality." Adcote has begun a multi-million pound project of modernisation and investment, investing almost £2million in the site this year.

Last year the school supported the centre's spoon campaign to construct a giant gorilla for Uri Geller. Pupils from Adcote will also be visiting the British Ironwork's Santa's Grotto in the run up to Christmas. Clive Knowles, chairman of the British Ironwork Centre, said: "We are delighted to have a close working relationship with a local school, Adcote, that is clearly on the up and with such a fantastic reputation. It is more positive news for Shropshire and it again shows the area in a good light."

Residents seek action to restore night street lights

Report by Pam Kingsley

RESIDENTS have called for a town's street lights to be switched back on, claiming the system of part-night lighting is dangerous.

Several residents attended a meeting of Oswestry Town Council to show their support for the lights to go back on. Councillors voted to go to part-night lighting in April, meaning lights in residential areas are turned off at midnight. The move was made in line with other towns around the county under advice from Shropshire Council.

But residents have claimed the darker streets are now more dangerous, handing in a petition of hundreds of names calling for a reversal of that decision.

Firearms police in college visit

STUDENTS hoping for a career in public service were visited by a team from Dyfed-Powys Police.

The public service students at NPTC Group Newtown Campus met firearms officers and took part in a session with the police force's dog section unit.

Ciaran Wheeldon, public services lecturer at NPTC Group, said: "Students attended a question-and-answer session with Dyfed-Powys Police firearms officers and saw their armed response vehicle. The students saw how the vehicle is kitted and fitted to meet the demands of the job, and the session also allowed the students to understand the job role with real life experiences and incidents from the officers."

"Both Year 1 and Year 2 students then attended a session with Dyfed-Powys Police dog section unit on. We would like to thank PCSO Graham Jennings and Dyfed-Powys Police for allowing us to create and develop these strong community links."

Town mayor, Councillor John Gareth Jones, admitted he was among those residents who would like to see the lights turned back on.

He said: "I voted for the lights to go off initially. In retrospect if we had the facts about what LED lighting would have done and the carbon footprint of those lights I think the saving could have been made then."

"We do need to look at it again because there are dangerous places in Oswestry. I've had no end of complaints from residents."

Councillor Amanda Woof said she had also received a stream of complaints from residents.

"It's not just girls walking home at night, it's men walking the dog when they finish their work at 11pm. The youngest was 18 and the oldest was 73 who spoke to me," she said.

But Councillor Vince Hunt, who was on the scrutiny committee which put forward the original proposal to turn the lights off, said rather than becoming more dangerous, the change had in fact led to a reduction in crime.

The council agreed to look at options to restore lighting in residential areas.

Anniversary for flower club



Tricia Lea and Eleanor Davies celebrate 60 years of the Oswestry Flower Club

One of the oldest flower clubs in the county has celebrated its diamond anniversary. It was one of only two in the whole of Wales and the borders – the other being in Cardiff.

It was established by Iona Trevor-Jones and June Arridge in 1954. Margaret Evans, club spokeswoman, said: "Since that time many anniversaries and celebrations have taken place, together with flower festivals in St Oswald's Church. We have also taken part in competitions and interpretive flower arranging at local and county shows."

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Authority puts three-year vision for town in motion

Report by Pam Kingsley

DETAILED plans to take Oswestry forward over the next three years have been formally adopted by town councillors.

The Corporate Plan, which covers all parts of the town's activities from tourism and business to the role of town councillors and sources of funding, was approved at the town council meeting held on Monday. One of the issues which the plan will address is the impact on the town centre of the new out-of-town development on the site of the old Smithfield market.

The council will receive a large windfall from the developers, which the plan suggests could be used to enhance the town in many areas.

Councillors back castle restoration

PLANS are being drawn up to make a historic motte and bailey castle more attractive to visitors.

The listed monument, in the centre of Oswestry, was discussed by members of the town council where a motion was raised by Councillor Martin Bennett after he saw a picture of the area as it looked 100 years ago.

He said: "I was down at the old railway station and they've got an old postcard up on the wall of the Castle Bank and I stopped to look at it. Castle Bank looked very attractive, still with the fences, but with a spectacular water feature in front of it."

"I think it would be wonderful to restore it to the way it looked in Edwardian times."

Councillor Bennett also asked for any improvement work to include repairs to the steps at the monument, which have worn down badly in places.

Councillor Sandy Best agreed there was room for improvement and said the area is currently popular with people who want to sit for a while.

"It would be nice to restore the rose gardens there as well. It does need something doing to it. It's very boring and very plain at the moment," she said at Monday's town council meeting.

"I think it would benefit from something floral in there. It is a pleasant place for people to sit at the moment but I think if we do something it would be even nicer."

The use of the money was discussed at the meeting after Councillor Duncan Kerr made a motion suggesting exactly how it should be divided.

Councillor Kerr suggested that £500,000 could be spent on securing the re-use of empty town centre properties; £1.2million could be used to improve public spaces in the town centre; and £300,000 could be used to regenerate the markets. He said groups could be formed to decide on where the rest of the money could best be used.

However, other councillors disagreed that the money should be allocated so soon. Councillor Martin Bennett said: "I think it's premature because we've heard about other work which is happening across the town to make it a more attractive place."

"This money should be for the benefit of the whole town of Oswestry, not just the town centre."

"Yes, we've had a quotation of the effect the Smithfield development will have on the town centre with suggestions it will lead to more empty shops, but don't you think we should wait and see what the issues are and then address them?"

Oswestry mayor, Councillor John Gareth Jones, said he agreed with Councillor Bennett as at the moment the town centre seemed to be thriving.

"Since I became mayor in June I've opened four new little shops in Oswestry. Oswestry has got something going right somewhere at the moment," he said.

The motion to formally adopt the Corporate Plan was passed by a majority vote.

Visits to be relived

KERRY Silver Thread group will relive some of its summer outings at its meeting today (Thursday).

Members will be shown slides of visitors to the different places that they visited over the past six months.

Up all night at music event



Entertainers and artists worked tirelessly to keep the event going for a full 48 hours

MUSICIANS and artists sang, danced and made sculptures during a 48 hour non-stop open-mic session.

More than 50 acts took to the stage during the sponsored event at the former Victorian workhouse in Llanfyllin, which is now a community centre and arts venue.

Last weekend's event proved so successful that the organisers say they are now looking at holding more themed weekends with varied styles of music.

Llanfyllin Workhouse is already known for dance festivals but Jane Lane, from The Beehive production company, which is based in the complex, said the weekend's "more intimate" event was appreciated by all those involved.

"We had performances from a number of

extremely talented singer songwriters who really impressed," she said. "There were some great bands, a drumming group and DJs and musicians. Sculptor Tony Meadows also did some live sculpting."

Jane said that through the early hours of the mornings the singers and musicians enjoyed jam sessions to ensure the performance really was non-stop.

She said: "All the trustees of the workhouse helped and it was good for them to see what we can achieve here. The audience included people of all ages and the atmosphere was very chilled and laid back."

Jane said that the Workhouse ran free, open mic nights on alternate Fridays.

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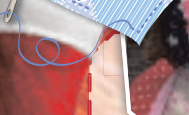
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THE CHRONICLE SAYS

Sympathy could be in order for councillors

Natural sympathy is in short supply for the curious breed of people who choose to be councillors.

The vast majority, in fact, are motivated by a desire to do good for the wider community. Frequently, the role also involves making decisions that make them unpopular.

Councillors have suffered harsh criticism from some quarters after taking decisions to save money.

Frontline

In Oswestry, street lights were switched off between midnight and 6am earlier this year as civic leaders decided to save frontline services and make cuts elsewhere.

They reasoned that our streets would be safe without illumination during the hours of darkness.

Figures would suggest this was the correct decision as crime rates on the darkened streets of Oswestry have not actually increased as a consequence of turning off those lights.

Residents, however, are still unhappy. They want a restoration of the street lights to happen now.

They would, no doubt be less enthusiastic when faced with the prospect of having to pay a higher price for that. It presents a no-win situation for our elected representatives.

Sympathy

On the one hand they are under pressure to keep services; on the other they must avoid landing the public with spiralling council tax bills.

Councillors, therefore, are deserving of some sympathy on our part.

They would be forgiven for thinking their electors want the best of both worlds – cheaper taxes and improved services – and that is a difficult equation to wrestle with.



Striker Andy Mangan chats to fan Kyle Steadman during the visit to Hope House Children's Hospice



Town manager Micky Mellon came along to Hope House to see Ellie Ashley and Kyle Steadman



Shrewsbury Town players Mickey Demetriou and Andy Mangan with Ellie Ashley and Kyle Steadman

Visit to hospice strikes home with football stars

Shrewsbury Town football stars visited Hope House Children's Hospice. JOSEPH MASI reports.

THEY might be hard men on the pitch, but the lads from Shrewsbury Town Football Club had their hearts melted when they met youngsters at Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda near Oswestry.

Boss Micky Mellon and players Andy Mangan and Mickey Demetriou were the guests of honour at the hospice as the soccer stars launched a new charity initiative.

The True Shrew Challenge has been set up by the Shrewsbury Town Community Sports Trust.

It aims to raise £20,000 to be split between Hope House Children's Hospice and other charities.

Challenges

A series of fundraising challenges will take place throughout the season. Challenges lined up so far as part of the campaign include a 40-mile bike ride, golf day and a "jail break".

Mellon, Mangan and Demetriou got to spend time with youngsters from the hospice.

Among the youngsters was keen football fan 19-year-old Kyle Steadman who they first met at a previous Shrewsbury Town football game.

Micky said: "We have been made to feel so welcome and we have all had a really humbling day."

He added: "We have met some of the kids before."

"Kyle came to a recent game and came into the dressing room, and also took part in the warm down with James We-



Ellie Ashley loved meeting Mickey Demetriou and Andy Mangan

solowski – although his favourite player is Mangan!

"But to come down here and see this fantastic place and the fantastic staff that work here has been great."

Loving

The Town manager continued: "It's such a loving place that gives so much, so it's nice to come down and say hello and show our support."

"To be among all these kids who are delighted to see us and have such fantastic personalities is terrific," the boss added.

"If it helps them in any way us being here then we are delighted to do it."

The professionals were kept on their toes by Kyle as well as fellow football fans Ellie Ashley, 13, and Nia Turner, 14, when they took part in a press con-

ference-style question and answer session.

Amongst the questions asked were who is the best looking, with Mickey defender Demetriou declared the winner.

During the question and answer session James Collins was named the worst dresser after he turned up for training in a white tracksuit.

Striker Mangan said: "I have got two boys myself, a five-year-old and a one-year-old."

"I'm a family man so I'd do anything to make the angels here happy for just 10 seconds."

Humbling

"Coming here means the world to me. I've been hugged, talked to and I got to give Ellie a kiss on the cheek."

"It's all very humbling and these are

the days that when you look back at your career you remember."

"We've met Kyle before, he's a great kid with a great sense of humour and he's got a great left foot."

"I saw him score a fantastic goal. I hope he can come down a lot more."

Mangan surprised Kyle with two tickets for the sold-out Capital One Cup clash against Chelsea.

And defender Mickey Demetriou admitted visiting the hospice left him with a lump in his throat.

He added: "It's lovely to be here and to see the smiles on the kid's faces - it just brings you back down to earth a little bit."

Amazing

"It's been such a worthwhile day to see them so happy."

"Kyle for example absolutely loves the club and to see his face when Andy Mangan walked in was amazing."

"Being here really opens your eyes and makes you realise how lucky you are."

"It's been emotional but really enjoyable to spend time with all the children because they are so happy."

Lynsey Kilvert, fundraiser at Hope House, said the visit made it a special day for everyone involved with the hospice.

She said: "Everyone at Hope House was thrilled to welcome Shrewsbury Town Football Club to the hospice."

"Kyle enjoyed a couple of fantastic days at the club recently and was honoured to be asked to take part in the manager's pre-match press conference."

"The club could not have treated Kyle any better, he had a fabulous time and both he, Ellie and Nia had great fun asking questions to Mickey Mellon with help from players Andy Mangan and Mickey Demetriou."

"Our heartfelt thanks go out to Shrewsbury Town Football Club for taking the time to come to the hospice and for making the children feel so special."

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OWEN PATERSON

When I left the Government in July, I made it clear in my letter to the Prime Minister that I wanted to continue to do what I can to serve my constituents and the country from the back benches.

I have spent some of the last three months talking to constituents and colleagues about how I might make a constructive contribution to the national debate. Very quickly it became clear that there was a case for setting up a think tank to create a vision of where the country could be in 2020 with the right common sense policies.

So I set up UK 2020 this month. My first contribution was to deliver the keynote speech to the Global Warming Policy Foundation, looking at the implications of the Climate Change Act.

I called for an immediate suspension and eventual repeal of the Act.

My concern is that the measures we are taking to deliver the legally binding 80 per cent reductions by 2050 are not delivering emission reductions and will lead to the lights going out.

As north Shropshire residents are more than aware from local experience, windfarms are inefficient and fail to cut carbon emissions, not least as they have to be backed up by gas turbines.

My speech outlined several possible solutions from small nuclear reactors to demand management. I was overwhelmed by the positive response I had to the speech and hope that I have helped open up a rational, national debate on our future energy security.

The speech can be read at www.thegwpf.org

I want UK 2020 to come up with a positive vision for a prosperous, sovereign and socially just United Kingdom which will articulate the views of people beyond the Westminster bubble.

I am planning a series of thoroughly researched statements over the coming months on the most important issues of the day such as the European Union, the economy and taxation.

I believe that there is broad support in Britain for less regulation, less taxation and for decisions to be made by democratically accountable politicians who can be removed by voting.

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There may be other ways of dealing with the lease issue which could reduce your risk so it would be advisable to seek advice from a good commercial lawyer.

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Car park Confused by gender question Prompt action on climate is needed

I COMPLAINED to the Aldi headquarters regarding the petty and juvenile closure of the short cut to the surgery across their car park in Oswestry.

I have had a reply from Aldi's property director. The letter assures me that it was not an arbitrary decision.

It says it was one based on a recent survey to assess the perceived "problem".

That survey lasted 10 minutes, yes, a whole 10 minutes.

It counted 24 individuals parking in the Aldi car park to use the surgery and pharmacy.

Only two returned to use the store!

Aldi is a German business. The Brothers Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm were also German and world famous for their fairy tales – a talent obviously held by Aldi also!

Twenty four Caxton patients in 10 minutes equates to 144 every hour, 1,368 every day or 6,840 every week.

Remember we are not counting any other patients arriving by other means, a figure which would logically dwarf the one above.

We can assume then that the Aldi car park is inadequate for their customers. The figures above indicate that it is not much better for the surgery, in fact the surgery is not big enough for that amount of patients!

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Think first talk after

THERE are a lot of politicians making remarks without knowing they are being recorded, such as Gordon Brown with his "bigot" remark in the back of a car.

Cameron talking about the Queen and the Scottish election to the New York Mayor.

Trust no-one and keep it shut until you're asked a question.

Don't forget to think before you answer!

But they're only human and we have a free press.

Well, up to now.
JOHN R BROWN
Shrewsbury

ALLOW me to draw the attention of Shropshire headteachers to the fine example set by the Sussex Primary School headteacher who has boldly merged the boys' and girls' loos into one so as to end to the confusion suffered by transgendered children.

All power to her elbow, especially in light of her frank admission that there are, in fact, no transgendered children among the four to 11 year-olds in her care. How vividly I remember my own post-war days in Welsh Walls CofE Primary, where we were all so cruelly stereotyped as either boys or girls. And

how the cruel headmaster punished boys caught sneaking into the girls' loos.

With hindsight, I now realise of course that these boys were not voyeuristic little scamps at all, but young women trapped in boys' bodies.

So it is encouraging to see this enlightenment gathering momentum in the United States, where a primary school in Arkansas has banned the terms "boys" and "girls" altogether, as transgender offensive.

The problem remained, of course, that with this stereotyping thankfully

removed, they still have to call the kids something, so I did a vox pop among my own family, and invite you, too, to have a guess at what pupils in this school will in future be called.

Children, perhaps? No! Ageist. Kids? Goatist! Guys? Shades of sexism. The headmistress, and I promise I am not making this up, has ruled that from now on the children will be known as... wait for it... purple penguins.

I just hope these kids don't get as confused as I am, that's all.

SAM EVANS
Oswestry

Times have changed in border village



This image of the village of Llanymynech is undated but perhaps was taken in about 1909. The photograph is from an album of postcards loaned by Mrs Diana Humphreys of Maesbrook, near Oswestry.

Time to pay staff going rate

THE Conservative Party has not convinced me to vote for it at the next election.

Taking people out of tax is not good enough when employers don't pay a living wage.

As for the Labour Party – promising a minimum wage of £8 per hour in five years' time is almost laughable, if it was not so pathetic. I remember when the minimum wage first came in and I was earning more than that any way.

If any political party is serious about getting people into work, and staying in work, then work has to pay.

And for work to pay, the minimum wage has to be £7 per hour now, and not next year or the year after.

MARK NORWOOD
Whittington

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Educate patients on good lifestyle

I WOULD like to reply to comments concerning the debate about A&E relocation.

Several of the problems are due to people not looking after themselves – obesity, smoking, drinking to excess, drugs, the list is endless.

Granted there is a problem for patients to see their own doctor but if there is a major problem most surgeries will see people via a practice nurse where proper treatment can be administered.

Don't let this situation become an issue between Shrewsbury and Telford, just build a new unit fit for purpose, and re-educate to prevent abuse of the services.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Improved planning required

THERE has been a lot of coverage in the press about broadband.

I really would like to see some longer-term planning when it comes to things like infrastructure.

Rural areas admittedly are hard to connect to and a lot more costly. So is it not right we equip our rural areas with the best possible infrastructure first time around so it does not have to be revisited at great expense time and time again? It seems like common sense to me.

I also look forward to seeing various utilities companies working together so roads only have to be dug up once to have all infrastructure put in at the same time.

CHARLOTTE BARNES
Liberal Democrats

CLIMATE change is a fact. Neither outright denial nor any amount of emotional posturing can remove the need for action.

The associated risks are global and enormously complex, but not so unfathomable that local responses to replacing fossil fuels cannot make a vital contribution.

This is why we are calling on Shropshire Council to lead the way with renewable energy policies that have some bite.

A confident council, recognising the difficulties imposed by short-sighted Government legislation favouring large corporations and fossil fuel industries, but capable of thinking intelligently for itself, would be taking the lead for Shropshire, offering vision, consistency and support.

Councillors of all political persuasions are sitting on the fence. The time is now right for Shropshire Council to take practical and tangible steps to deal with the urgency of climate change.

Every school and office building in the property portfolio should be equipped to source its electricity from fossil-fuel free sources.

These would include solar panels and wind turbines on suitable sites and biomasses from local, sustainably managed forests.

JANET HELEN PHILLIPS
Green Party parliamentary candidate
Ludlow constituency

Evolution in our time

I AM writing to you in response to readers' views on creation. If evolution is the creator why hasn't a new type of man, cat, dog, or chicken or anything else we humans know about since man became educated arrived?

First we need to know "why and how" the process ceased. Maybe we would then reach the correct version of which gave life in the beginning. My question would be: If evolution is the natural creator why isn't there any new species evolving now, at the present and during our lifetime?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pupil joining in
Legion concert

CHILDREN from West Felton Primary School will be joining the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital Male Voice Choir next week for a remembrance concert.

The evening has been organised by the West Felton branch of the Royal British Legion.

Andy Young, chairman of the choir, said: "We are privileged and honoured to take part in this concert, and especially look forward to the contribution made by the children to mark the start of the remembrance weekend."

The concert is at West Felton Village hall on November 7 starting at 7.30pm. Tickets, at £5, are available on the door and aid the Poppy Appeal.

Terrifying train
trips on the line

TRAVELLING by rail over Halloween may become a spooky affair as a ghost train takes to the tracks at a tourist attraction near Oswestry.

The Cambrian Heritage Railway will be running haunted trains from Llyn-clys Station after dark on Friday and Saturday.

Passengers young and old are invited to turn up in fancy dress for a ride on the ghost train and a ghoulish magic show.

Halloween-themed refreshments - including blood soup - will be served at the station. Shows will start at 7pm and 8pm on both nights and tickets cost £3 adults and £2 children.

Visit www.cambrianrailways.com for information.

Councillors oppose energy firm's plan to drill for gas

CONTROVERSIAL plans to drill for gas in Shropshire are on the verge of being thrown out.

Members of Shropshire Council's north planning committee were unanimously opposed to plans for a temporary exploratory borehole for coalbed methane in Dudleston Heath, near Ellesmere.

They said the impact on people and the environment was too grave to approve them. No decision was made at the meeting, but planning officers have been asked to check the legal ramifications of refusing permission.

Officers had initially recommended that councillors approve the application, despite opposition from environmental campaigners and residents who fear the impact of drilling on the Shropshire countryside.

More than 100 opponents turned out at the meeting at Shirehall in Shrewsbury, several waved placards.

Officials at Dart Energy, which is behind the plans, insisted any work carried out would be on a small scale and carried out safely.

The meeting took place in a highly charged atmosphere and on several occasions committee chairman Councillor Arthur Walpole warned people they would have to leave if they continued to interrupt discussions.

Campaigners say exploratory drilling for coalbed

by James Pugh

methane gas could open the door for "fracking", or hydraulic fracturing, for shale gas. Dart Energy denies plans to use fracking for shale gas in the county even though north Shropshire sits on both coal and shale, saying it is interested in coalbed methane only.

At the meeting Steve Davenport, councillor for St Martins, said he didn't believe there was too much difference between coalbed methane extraction or fracking.

"It is very clear the community will be worse off," he said.

Prior to the meeting Shropshire Council received more than 500 letters of objection from the public and one in support. It also received a petition which was signed by 239 people.

Dart Energy says the drilling operation would last for a maximum of 60 days and the land would then be restored.

Housing support service sets up shop



Oswestry Mayor John Gareth Jones opens the offices watched by Shropshire Housing Alliance representatives

A NEW centre for people needing housing help has been opened in Oswestry.

Oswestry Mayor John Gareth Jones officially opened the Shropshire Housing Alliance (SHA) shop on Shrewsbury Road, which will be offering help and advice to the people of the town.

Councillor Jones said: "I am delighted to see this property coming back into use. This will offer a won-

derful service to our residents as a one-stop shop for housing needs.

"I'd like to congratulate the Shropshire Housing Alliance and their partners for the work that they're doing, not only in Oswestry but throughout the county."

SHA has relocated to the town centre to provide appointments for independent housing advice, as well as tenancy support services and ad-

vice and leasing for landlords across Shropshire.

The organisation works with many different organisations locally to help people who are experiencing a housing crisis or need some support with keeping a tenancy or filling out forms and applications.

The new offices will be open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm and can be contacted on (01691) 661333.

Tourism leader's praise for winners

BUSINESSES that helped put tourism on the map at this year's Powys Business Awards have been congratulated by a leading figure in the industry.

Val Hawkins, chief executive of Mid Wales Tourism, which represents about 600 tourism and hospitality businesses in Powys, Cedreigion and Meirionnydd, said she was delighted that so many had won awards and been shortlisted.

"It was a great to see so many of our members recognised in these impressive awards, which showcase the best in Powys," she said. Organised by Mid Wales Manufacturing Group and sponsored by Powys County Council, the awards celebrate excellence in business and were held at Derrig Lines, Brecon.

MWT members who collected awards were Elephant and Castle Hotel in Newtown, which won the Judges Special Award, Machynlleth-based self-catering holiday accommodation agency Best of Wales, which was winner of the Small Business Award for less than 10 employees, and The Nags Head Inn at Garthmyl, which was presented the Start-up Business Award.

Other award winners were Dan-yr-Ogof, Brecon Beacons Tourism, and Maesperthi Caravan Park and Farm in Penegoes, near Machynlleth.

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Alien invader's threat to river life

AN alien invader that could spell disaster for Shropshire's rivers and wildlife has been found in the area.

People who live and work near the water are being warned to be on the look out for a tiny mussel from Eastern Europe that could cause devastation across the UK.

The arrival of the thumbnail-sized Quagga mussel has sparked alarm from environmental experts.

And it is not just wildlife that could suffer. The Quagga mussel's arrival in the US threatened to bring the Hoo-

ver Dam to a standstill and cut off the water supply to Las Vegas.

Now it has been discovered during routine checks of Wyrbury Reservoir, near Heathrow Airport, and water users are being urged to keep an eye out and take precautions elsewhere.

Martin Fenn, senior environment monitoring officer at the Environment Agency, said: "Following the recent discovery of the Quagga mussel in the south east of England we would advise water users across Shropshire to take

extra precaution when carrying out activities such as fishing and boating.

"Although the Quagga mussel has not been found in Shropshire, it is a highly invasive non-native species, affecting water quality and clogging up pipes, so we want to limit the spread as much as possible by encouraging water users to adopt the 'check, clean, dry' approach, checking equipment and clothing after being in water."

Anyone who finds a suspected Quagga should report it to www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/quaggamussel

Number of hoax calls made to fire service sees drop

Support given to bookshop campaign



Tim Morris, co-owner of Booka in Oswestry

AN independent book shop has used its fifth birthday celebrations to support a national campaign aimed at recognising the importance of booksellers.

Staff at Booka Bookshop in Oswestry voiced their backing for this year's Books Are My Bag campaign during the birthday celebrations.

Co-owner Tim Morris, who opened the store on October 3, 2009, said: "It was a joint party to celebrate our fifth birthday and we were also celebrating the Books Are My Bag campaign, which is a national campaign celebrating bookshops on the high street."

"We had lots of special offers and giveaways, and we had birthday cake."

Mr Morris said he is a strong supporter of high street book shops, and said people living in Shropshire are very fortunate to have so many book-buying options.

"The good thing about Shropshire as a whole is that most of the market towns have a bookshop," he said.

"There are lots of counties where that isn't the case."

FIREFIGHTERS in Shropshire were called out to 45 hoax calls last year, new figures reveal.

But the figures also show the number of false alarms of a malicious nature attended by Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service has dropped by 31 per cent in the last five years from 66 in 2009/10. The biggest year on year drop during that time was of 25 per cent between 2012/13 (62) and last year (45). The details were released following an Freedom of Information request by Shropshire Newspapers.

The service was unable to provide a breakdown of how much money the malicious calls cost but Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service figures show the cost per hour of sending out a special appliance is £369. If a utility vehicle is sent out it costs the service £93 per hour.

Fire service group commander for prevention, Neil Griffiths, said the organisation had been working to raise awareness of hoax and malicious calls through school programmes and working with police and telecommunication companies to identify serial offenders. He said if crews could not attend a genuine emergency quickly because they were tied up at a deliberate false alarm, the risk of injury or death was higher.

"I would like to think that our message is having an impact," he said. "But we won't be counting our chickens and we will continue with this area of work. We are keen to make sure that the dip carried on."

By William Tomaney

Fire crews in battle to cool down cylinders

FIREFIGHTERS from across the county fought to cool down gas cylinders as fire ripped through a barn near Oswestry, destroying the building and two vehicles outside.

Five fire engines were sent to Bramble Barn, in Weston Rhyn.

The flames were brought under control in an hour but firefighters stayed to cool down a number of gas and propane cylinders.

Ben Smith, Force Duty Inspector at West Mercia Police, said: "It was a big fire and police closed various roads as a precaution."

"There was a quantity of gas cylinders in the area, which were getting hot and were causing a concern."

"We were just ensuring people did not approach the area."

A spokeswoman for Shropshire Fire and Rescue said it was "quite a large fire" and a van and car were completely destroyed.

"Firefighters stayed to cool down the cylinders. 'No people were involved.'"

Roads leading to nearby Selatyn, Hengoed and the village of Rhyn were temporarily closed by officers as a precaution.

Police Horsewatch Scheme rolled out

A PROJECT designed to make sure horses are safe will be rolled out across Shropshire.

The Horsewatch Scheme has been operated by West Mercia Police in Warwickshire and will now be coming to the county.

Suspicious

It operates in a similar way to Neighbourhood Watch in that residents are encouraged to keep an eye on horses in fields nearby and report anything suspicious to police.

Julie Dale is the secretary of War-

wickshire Horse Watch, and keeps a list of members so that she can send out alerts, requests for information and other useful messages from police.

West Mercia Police are now working to set up a similar scheme up in its patch.

A spokesman for West Mercia Police said: "Warwickshire have a very active and successful Horsewatch scheme and a benefit of the West Mercia affiliation with the Warwickshire police is that the excellent Warwickshire Horsewatch is now open for horse owners in the West Mercia area."

"Warwickshire and West Mercia forces also recognise that with rural and equine crime, thieves do not respect borders and what happens in one county soon moved across to another."

Bulletins

"Therefore, alerts from many counties, including Worcestershire, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Leicestershire are included on their Facebook page and Horsewatch crime bulletins."

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Police release new crime leaflet**

THE police force which governs Welshpool has showed its support for the National Hate Crime Awareness Week by launching a factsheet about "mate crime".

The leaflet is aimed at people with learning disabilities supported by "mates" who then abuse them, according to Dyfed-Powys Police Chief Constable Simon Prince.

The factsheets raise awareness of what "mate crime" is and how to report it, and includes information about local support groups.

Mr Prince said: "Hate crime can destroy lives, instil fear and can break down the fabric of our communities and neighbourhoods. Hate crime affects all communities."

Families phone line is launched

A NEW telephone number has been launched for access to services for children and their families in Welshpool.

From today (Thursday) Powys County Council will be operating a single point of access for all inquiries relating to children.

Powys People Direct can be reached on (01597) 827666 and is the contact number to contact the council whether it is to raise an issue around the welfare of a child, for advice on how to get extra support, or to find out more about services.

Scrapping town's one-way system is backed in survey

Report by Sue Austin

A controversial one-way system is damaging a town's economy and should be scrapped, a new survey has found.

Residents of Welshpool have called for the system, which has caused chaos for motorists since it began in 2011, to be axed.

Montgomeryshire's Welsh Assembly Member Russell George compiled a survey, asking people for their views on the system, which formed part of the development of Tesco in the town centre. It found 58 per cent think it is damaging the town's economy, while 52 per cent think it should be scrapped.

It also highlighted recurring transport issues, including congestion on the A483 Newtown road.

Mr George said: "The one-way system has been controversial since it was introduced and this survey shows that it continues to divide the local community. Some people were not sure whether the system should be scrapped or not."

He said that of those he quizzed, 76 per cent travelled to Welshpool by car.

"I have also studied other surveys that have been carried out, such as the survey commissioned by the town council, and indeed I discussed the matter earlier this year with the council's clerk," he added.

"I'm aware the town council have been in contact with Powys County Council and the Welsh government in regards to a number of proposed alterations."

"I will be sharing my survey result with Powys County Council and asking them to provide me with updates on suggested changes, and an explanation to why some suggestions have not been taken forward."

Mr George added that the one-way system had recently seen a number of collisions.

Youngsters cook appeal

SCHOOLS in Welshpool being urged to cook up a treat as part of a scheme run by a supermarket.

Sainsbury's in Jehu Road wants youngsters to get in the kitchen as part of the Active Kids Superstar Cooks National Competition.

If they take part they will be in with a chance of winning £10,000 of new kitchen equipment and a dance lesson with Diversity star and competition judge Ashley Banjo.

The competition challenges pupils to create the ultimate healthy meal in the classroom, which will be judged by a panel of experts and Mr Banjo.

Children of all ages and abilities can take part. For more information visit www.activekids.sainsbury-live-well-for-less.co.uk/superstar-cooks

Trader shares phone concerns



Steve Kaye searches for a mobile phone signal

A WELSHPOOL businessman is the latest trader in the region to complain about poor mobile phone coverage.

Politicians on both sides of the Powys/Shropshire border have been campaigning for a more reliable mobile phone signal from the country's mobile phone service providers.

Steve Kaye, deputy mayor of Welshpool Town Council, has added his voice to the calls for a better service.

He says have such a poor service can damage business and make it difficult for traders trying to make a living around the area.

Mr Kaye, owner of Multi Services Wales UK Limited, in Severn Road, said: "My mobile phone reception is absolutely awful."

"If you were depending on it to run your business as I sometimes am when on the move it could lose you business."

"It is a real problem around here and something must be done."

Policing project deemed a success

MORE than 500 police community support officers - including several in Powys - funded by the Welsh Assembly have been in their role for a year.

The Welsh Government put aside money to take the new PCSOs on in October last year and said it has been a success a year on.

Leighton Andrews, minister for public services, said: "Welsh Government funded CSOs undertake a wide range of activities. They play a crucial role in tackling low-level anti-social behaviour and other instances of low level nuisance."

"They work with local primary schools on crime prevention, provide reassurance to over-60s groups and help local businesses address shoplifting."

"These problems can blight lives and it can benefit communities enormously to have them dealt with swiftly."

"They also assist warranted officers by taking part in searches, seizures of alcohol and tobacco and assisting with house to house inquiries in criminal investigations. They are essential sources of community intelligence, which the police can use to detect and tackle criminality in these communities."

Spectacular prizes on offer for Hallowe'en Fancy Dress winners!

Winners of the children's Fancy Dress competition at this Saturday's Oswestry Truck Pull are in for an extra-special treat with a spectacular prize bonanza on offer.

The inaugural truck pull takes place on Saturday November 1st and will see the streets of Oswestry grind to a halt for a fun-filled, family day.

Twenty children will be chosen by a panel of lady judges including Councillor Joyce Barrow, Rita Griffiths, Tracy Knowles and Head Judge, the Mayoress of Oswestry, Mrs Tegwen Jones. Each of the twenty will be able to select a prize to reward their efforts.

The grand overall winner will be selected personally by the Mayoress and will receive a special prize on the day. Clive Knowles, Chairman of the Centre, said "We are making every effort to ensure that Saturday is a truly inclusive, community event that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. We are keen to encourage families to bring their children to enjoy the fun in store - bring along your little monsters and gremlins for an entertaining day and the chance to win a fabulous prize!"



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Teacher's China trip to benefit students

A county teacher is spending half-term week visiting schools in China.

Alison Pearson, senior deputy headteacher at The Marches School in Oswestry, is in Beijing and Chengdu in the Sichuan province.

Her trip, sponsored by the British Council and Hanban, the Chinese development agency for the promotion of Mandarin in Western schools, will help build links between The Marches School in Oswestry and a school in Chengdu.

The school's sixth-form has recently added a number of courses to its programme, including sign language and Mandarin Chinese lessons.

Mrs Pearson said: "This was an opportunity I could not turn down. There is much to learn from the Chinese system and I am hoping to bring back ideas that we can develop here. The links with Hanban will be really valuable in supporting our Mandarin lessons with the added opportunity for the students to gain qualifications from their studies."

Sixth-form student Autumn Cass has signed up for the school's new Mandarin course and said: "I'm really looking forward to learning Mandarin. I think it will be difficult but enjoyable and I'm confident that having these skills will benefit me when applying for university courses and jobs."

County house price uptick defies downturn in region

HOUSE prices in Shropshire and Mid Wales continued to grow during September, bucking a trend for declining prices across the West Midlands.

In Shropshire, the average property sold for £161,423 – a 0.5 per cent rise on August, and a 5.1 per cent increase on the same month in 2013.

Telford & Wrekin enjoyed a bigger one per cent monthly rise, to leave average prices 3.5 per cent ahead of the same time last year at £127,471.

Powys, meanwhile, saw a one per cent monthly rise, with properties selling for £143,695 – 2.7 per cent more than this time last year. Powys's house prices are back on an upward curve having fallen by 0.7 per cent in August.

The figures compare favourably to the wider region, as the West Midlands suffered a 0.8 per cent monthly decline in prices in September, with the average property moving for £135,071, 4.3 per cent more than last year.

Mike Nettleton, director of Shropshire estate agents Nock Deighton, said he was seeing upward trends throughout the county.

"The market is very good in Shropshire and is nicely balanced across the county," he said.

"House prices are growing steadily which is great to see

by Thom Kennedy

as that reflects on the interest in the county. Telford's one per cent monthly rise and 3.5 per cent increase on last year's figures could be a reflection on the investment in the area – particularly the Southwater development.

"Investment such as this shows confidence and house buyers see that and it gives them confidence in the area in which they are buying."

Nationally, the average house price fell by 0.2 per cent last month, to leave it 7.2 per cent up on the same period last year at £177,299. It had previously peaked at £181,324 in November 2007.

The average price for a detached property in Shropshire rose by 0.5 per cent to £245,996, a semi-detached is now worth £140,505, a terrace £121,227 and a flat £96,646.

And in Powys, those figures were £197,419, £116,627, £93,554 and £72,025.

Magical tale will take to the stage



Corwyn Jones, Jasmine Gooden and Katie Bird will be in *Sleeping Beauty*

FAIRY tale magic will be brought to Oswestry in the magical tale of *Sleeping Beauty* this winter.

Oswestry Musical Theatre Company will be performing *Sleeping Beauty* by Ron Nicol at the Marches School.

Directed by Sue Box and with musical direction by Janet Brown, the story is slightly different to the traditional story.

Mrs Box said: "There is a less familiar ending to this fairy tale but you'll have to wait and see, we wouldn't want to spoil the ending for you."

"We are hoping to give the audience more of the theatre experience with the availability of sweets, ice cream, merchandise and the opportunity to meet and take your own photos with the cast."

The play will be performed on December 5 at 7.30pm, December 6 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, and December 7 at 2.30pm. Doors open an hour before the performance. Tickets are priced £10 or £8. They are available at omtc.ticketsource.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Caravan park in boost for charities
STAFF and customers at a caravan park in Mid Wales have raised thousands of pounds for charity.

Neuadd Bridge Mobile Home Park at Llanfair Caereinion presented £3,000 to two charities after six months of fund-raising.

A host of table top sales, raffles, bingo, a bowling tournament and a concert have been organised and supported by residents and friends at the park.

Cheques for £1,500 was presented the Lingen Davies Cancer Trust and Cancer Research UK.

Over the past 13 years the residents have raised over £36,000 for charities including Llanfair Health Centre, Hope House, the British Heart Foundation and the Wales Air Ambulance.

Ramblers take to leisure lanes
OSWESTRY Ramblers will be taking a leisurely walk around Cefn Blodwel on Thursdays.

The four-mile walk will follow paths and lanes with a few ups and downs. Meet at Gatacre car park for 10am or call (01691) 656165.

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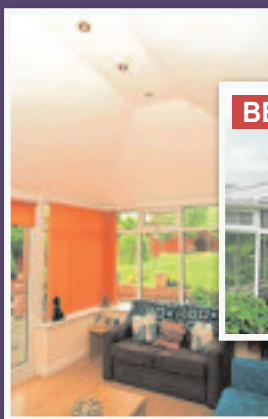
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Jeff Anderson, managing director of Bodytech Health Clubs, said: "We have made a number of changes at the club which we are sure our members will love. The whole place has had a makeover adding a motivational col-

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our scheme and new carpets throughout the club.

"The fitness team has more than doubled in size, including the introduction of a new studio manager, Tracey Whitfield, who has added exciting classes such as Les Mills Body Attack and Body Combat to our already strong timetable.

"We have also redeveloped the personal training packages we provide to

ensure our members get the very best care at no extra cost."

In addition, Bodytech Oswestry has also been bolstered by launch of its new weight-loss club - The Little Black Dress Challenge. The club is free for members and £5 for non-members, and provides all the information and support required to be able to drop a dress size in time for Christmas.

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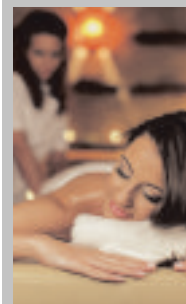
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14 **Royalty visit honour for farming fair**

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Motorist remembers the day he loaned Rolls to a princess

PRINCESS Anne will attend landmark celebrations of an event popular with farmers from the Welshpool and Oswestry areas.

The Princess Royal will join in with the silver jubilee celebrations at this year's 25th Royal Welsh Winter Fair. She will be at the event on December 2 and this will be The Princess Royal's fifth visit to the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd near Builth Wells but her first to the prestigious Winter Fair.

Having first visited the Royal Welsh Show back in 1981, The Princess Royal is one of many members of the royal family who are regular visitors to the showground's events.

Other visitors have included the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as well as the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

The visit later this year will be only the second royal visit to the Winter Fair after The Prince of Wales visited and opened the event in 2001.

That year the vast majority of agricultural shows were cancelled due to the foot-and-mouth outbreak.

"The society is pleased to announce the royal visit to this year's 25th Winter Fair" said William Hanks, honorary Winter Fair director.

"The royal family have been regular supporters of the society and we have been honoured with many visits to our events over the years and as the Winter Fair is celebrating its silver jubilee this year we are happy to be able to welcome HRH The Princess Royal to the event.

"We are busy putting together a packed itinerary for the visit and hope that the visit will undoubtedly make an already atmospheric and festive event even more special in its celebratory year."

The Royal Welsh Winter Fair will be held on December 1 and 2.

Along with the usual packed schedule of competitions, classes, exhibitions and displays, the two-day event will be packed full of silver jubilee themed cel-



Charles Roberts holds a letter of thanks from the day that he lent his car to Princess Anne



Charles with his prized picture of football star Pele, taken during the 1966 World Cup

THE day I lent my car to a Princess is a line not many people are able to use in conversation.

But for Charles Roberts that is exactly what happened when Princess Anne came to visit.

The story is only one of many colourful tales Mr Roberts has of links with famous faces.

Mr Roberts, from Knockin, near Oswestry, says the request to borrow his car came out of the blue in 1977 when

By Sue Austin

his work took him across the border into North Wales.

"I had a Rolls-Royce at the time and I had a phone call from North Wales Police," he said.

"Princess Anne was going to be visiting the Llangollen Eisteddfod and they were looking for a suitable car in which she could travel from Hawarden airfield where she was arriving to the Eisteddfod."

He said he agreed to the request immediately.

Mr Roberts said: "Officers came and took the car away a few days before the visit so that they had time to run a security check on it, looking for bombs or bugging devices."

The visit was a great success, Mr Roberts said, and the car was returned to him unscathed.

He said: "I had a very nice letter from North Wales Police thanking me for the loan of my car."

Mr Roberts also has other memora-

bilia of what he says have been "good times".

Involved in football in a non-playing role since he was in his early 20s, he has met many many big names.

Two of his most prized photographs are of him with two of the most respected men in world football. The first was with Pele, taken during the 1966 World Cup.

"I was part of the 'player care' team looking after the Brazilian team," he said.

"He was a very quiet and unassuming young man who spent a lot of time in his room."

Another shows Mr Roberts with England's Sir Bobby Charlton and was taken during an event in Manchester when he was in business there.

But Mr Roberts's most precious piece of memorabilia is an England cap given to him by Sir Stanley Matthews.

"He was a real gentle man as well as a gentleman," Mr Roberts said.

"It is something I have treasured."

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16 Partnership to crack down on foreign gangs

THE police force which serves Oswestry is taking part in a national operation to identify foreign criminals who move around the country to avoid detection.

West Mercia Police is working alongside the Central Motorway Policing Group to target those involved in crimes ranging from shoplifting, fraud, metal theft – including stealing catalytic converters from vehicles – burglary, drugs, money-laundering to human trafficking for prostitution. The operation will also involve colleagues from police forces in eastern Europe to identify those who are wanted for offences abroad as well as at home.

A range of other agencies including HM Revenue and Customs, Trading Standards, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency and the county council's animal welfare unit will also be providing specialist support

Balloons released into sky as Poppy Appeal launched

by Sue Austin

ONE hundred red balloons soared skywards as a town commemorated the centenary of the First World War and the launch of this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

A 'poppy man' made by young people of the town was a further highlight of the Welshpool branch's event at the Town Hall.

The sculpture took pride of place at the coffee morning held in the hall.

Appeal costs hit council

WINDFARM planning appeals are leading to a significant draw on Powys County Council's reserves – with £1.4 million expected to be needed this year.

Councillors were told that the cost of the appeals is a potential financial risk for the council and it is not recognised in its funding from the Welsh Government.

Paul Griffiths, strategic director for Powys County Council, said all the council could do was monitor applications as they are submitted. But he said he believes there is enough in the budget for appeals. Councillor Rosemarie Harris said: "We have been back to the Welsh Government and asked for support but it does not seem to be forthcoming."

Royal British Legion branch member Alan Crowe said the project to build the poppy man was set up to involve young people in the First World War commemorations.

"We also released 100 red balloons to mark the 100 years since the start of the war," he said.

"Releasing them were World War Two veterans, Land Army girls and others involved in the forces."

"Each balloon was bought by individuals in memory of a loved one who was killed in the First or Second World Wars."

"It was a poignant but successful launch of the town's Poppy Appeal and there will be plenty more events to come."

"The poppy man was a popular attraction throughout the event and it was really amazing to see."

Wreaths

At the coffee morning there were stalls selling Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal items and people were also able to pick up specially ordered wreaths and the collection boxes.

"One lady also made us knitted poppies which were very popular," Mr Crowe added.

Over the next two weeks the branch will have a shop in Hopkins Passage off Broad Street where items will be sold.

The town is also commemorating the First World War centenary with huge poppies attached to lamp-posts in the town centre.

Meanwhile, Welshpool Town Council will be holding a number of events in conjunction with the Royal British Legion in the run up to November 11.

On November 3 a Field of Remembrance event will be held at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm.

This will be followed on November 7 with a service at the Garden of Remembrance in Howell Drive at 2pm and a festival of remembrance at the town hall's assembly room at 7pm.

On November 9 a remembrance parade will be held through the town starting at 10.30am at Park Lane, followed by a service at St Mary's Church.

On November 11 a Royal British Legion coffee morning will be held at the town hall's Corn Exchange between 9am and 1pm, which will include a two-minute silence outside the town hall at 11am.

Teams set for big truck pull



Gary Payne, Steve White, Rob Walker and Tudor Griffiths get ready for the event

Town centre street to stage strength contest

ONE of Oswestry's town centre streets will grind to a halt this weekend as teams of the town's toughest men and women take part in a test of physical and mental endurance.

The inaugural Oswestry Truck Pull will take place on Saturday.

Organisers say they hope the occasion will become an annual event.

They say they want to draw greater visitor numbers to the town centre.

And they say they hope the event will improve footfall for local retailers as well as raising money for good causes.

Teams of six, in Halloween regalia, from local clubs, companies and organisations will attempt to be the fastest to pull an 11.5 tonne truck along Church Street.

The event is being organised by local businessmen including Clive Knowles, chairman of the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry; Tudor Griffiths, of TG Griffiths; and Rob Walker, of Crossfit. Shropshire Council's community engagement officer, Steve White, is also involved.

Gary Payne will be the captain of the British Ironwork Centre team.

Mr Knowles said that a day of family-friendly fun was planned, with organisers urging anyone interested in providing music, stalls and entertainment, should they feel brave enough to enter a team, to get in touch.

He said: "Alongside promoting tourism, it is hoped that the event will help to raise funds for Hope House Children's Hospice and other good causes."

"The truck pull is already creating great excitement in the town."

"We hope to help to bring more visitors into Oswestry to enjoy everything our town has to offer."

"We'd be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to be involved – all are welcome."

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Hundreds of animals abandoned by county owners

MORE than 400 animals have been abandoned in Shropshire so far this year, according to new figures.

The figures have been released by officials at the RSPCA, who said there has been a marked increase in the number of animals being abandoned across England and Wales. They expect the problem to get worse over the winter months.

In Shropshire 404 animals were abandoned between January 1 and October 1, putting the county 29th in a national league table.

Nationally the RSPCA was called out to deal with 29,770 reports of

abandoned animals. In the Midlands, the West Midlands had the most abandonments with 1,428, putting it fourth worst nationally.

Kelly Rivers, RSPCA Midlands superintendent, said: "Even in a nation of animal lovers, there are thousands of people out there who don't care about their pets at all. In fact, some literally treat them like rubbish."

"Worse still, holidays like Christmas can lead to an increase in abandonments as some people choose to get rid of their pets rather than pay for them to be looked after while they are on holiday. Money may be spent

on holidays and Christmas presents rather than seeking vet attention for ill or newborn animals, so they are dumped."

She added: "It's bad enough when we find a box of kittens wrapped in blankets on our doorstep with a note, but now people are deliberately dumping their animals in out of the way places – like bins, skips or on waste ground – and leaving them to an unknown fate."

The charity is expecting around 140,000 calls in November and December alone, with around 50,000 animals needing help.

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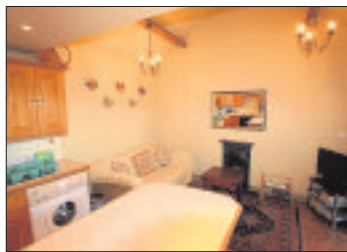
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NEW PRICE
Oswestry 8 Knights Way
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
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EPC RATING D
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NEW PRICE
Oswestry Lucknow
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING E
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NEW PRICE
Oswestry 16 Elgar Close
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £144,950



NEW PRICE
Gobowen 48 Fernhill Lane
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £144,500



NEW PRICE
Oswestry 20 Beech Grove
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING C
OIRO £135,000



NEW PRICE
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3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
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OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING D
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NEW PRICE
Oswestry 61 Chestnut Avenue
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
LANDSCAPED GARDENS
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING TBC
OIRO £127,950



NEW PRICE
Oswestry 72 York Street
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £124,950



NEW PRICE
Oswestry 54 Llys Road
3 BED END TERRACE HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
UTILITY AREA
EPC RATING E
OIRO £124,950



NEW PRICE
Oswestry 75 College Road
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
OIRO £124,950



NEW PRICE
Oswestry 49 Monkmoor Road
2 BED SEMI DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
CAR PORT
EPC RATING C
OIRO £122,500



NEW PRICE
Oswestry 176 Cabin Lane
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
CONSERVATORY
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5 THE OLD TANNERY, OSWESTRY. 2 BED TERRACED HOUSE £450 PCM
166 CABIN LANE, OSWESTRY. 2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE £450 PCM
4 LLWYN ROAD, OSWESTRY. 2 BED TERRACED HOUSE £450 PCM
THE APARTMENT, ROFT STREET, OSWESTRY. 2 BED FLAT £475 PCM
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2 SPRING BANK, TRFONEN. 2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE..... £525 PCM
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- Oswestry, 1 Bed Apt £430pcm
- Oswestry, 2 Bed Ter £450pcm
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- ***Fees Apply on all rentals***
- URGENTLY WANTED!!
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- TO LET IN OSWESTRY,
- CHIRK AND
- SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

TREFLACH



- Building Plot
- Full Planning Permission
- For Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedroom Detached
- NO LEVIES APPLICABLE!!
- Village Location

£75,000

GLYN CEIRIOG



- Pretty Terraced Cottage
- NO CHAIN. EPC E.
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Beamed Ceilings
- Well Maintained
- Sought After Location

£93,000

GOBOWEN



- Barn For Conversion
- Full Planning Permission
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi-Detached
- Gardens And Parking
- Village Location
- Ample Off Road Parking

Offers in the region of £95,000

LLANRHAEDR



- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Mid Terraced Cottage Style
- Three Bedrooms
- Many Original Features
- Close To Village Centre
- Central Heating. EPC E.

£109,950

OSWESTRY



- Two Bedroom End of Terrace
- Sought After Location
- Courtyard Garden. EPC E
- Gas CH / uPVC D Glazing
- Close to Local Amenities
- Ideal First Time Buy

£118,950

RHOSYGADFA, GOBOWEN



- Beautiful Location
- Stunning Views
- Award Winning
- Barn Conversion
- Four Bedroom. EPC C.
- Separate Cottage
- One Bedroom
- Five Acres
- Ideal for Horses/Livestock
- Oil Central Heating

£570,000

ST MARTINS



- Two Bedroom Mews
- Well Maintained Thoroughout
- Views To Rear of Property
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating. EPC C
- uPVC Double Glazing

£120,000

OSWESTRY



- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Good Sized Plot
- Fully Modernised
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing

Offers in the region of £124,950

OSWESTRY



- Semi Detached House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Driveway parking. EPC D.
- Convenient Location
- Gas Central Heating
- A Must See Property

£129,950

OSWESTRY



- Spacious Semi-Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Kitchen Diner. EPC C
- Cloakroom, Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens

Offers in the region of £135,000

OSWESTRY



- NO UPWARD CHAIN!!
- Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner, Kitchen/Breakfast

£139,950

OSWESTRY



- TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION
- Period Semi Detached
- Full Renovation Required
- Original Features

Guide price £150,000

ST MARTINS



- WITH NO CHAIN
- Detached Cottage
- Semi-rural Location
- Victorian Conservatory
- Large Rear Garden
- Workshop

£169,950

OSWESTRY



- Three Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Plus Conservatory
- Ensuite, Bathroom and downstairs W.C.
- Well Maintained

Offers in the region of £185,000

OSWESTRY



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage and Driveway
- Popular Location. EPC C
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating

Price £189,950

ST MARTINS



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- 1/3 of an Acre
- Detached Double Garage
- Views to Rear. EPC D.
- Oil Central Heating

£250,000

OSWESTRY



- Large Detached House
- Six Bedrooms. EPC C.
- Edge Of Town Location
- Ample Off Road Parking

£275,000

GLYN CEIRIOG



- Two Semi-Detached Houses
- Six Bedrooms
- Ideal Business Opportunity
- Bed and Breakfast

£289,950

CHIRK



- Dating back to the 17th Century
- 4 Bedroom Detached
- Rural Location. EPC F
- Garage & Parking

£325,000

TREFONEN



- Detached Family Home
- Rural Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Log Cabin

£339,950

OSWESTRY



- Spacious Detached Home
- Sought After Location
- Five Bedrooms. EPC C
- Detached Double Garage

£375,000

PENYGARNEDD



- Four Bedroom Detached
- Smallholding, Equestrian
- Stunning Views. EPC D.
- Superb Out Riding

£425,000



Detached dormer bungalow in rural setting

Agents are pleased to bring to the market this well maintained and beautifully presented detached dormer bungalow in the popular rural village of Maesbury Marsh, approximately three miles from the market town of Oswestry and easy access to Shrewsbury and major road links. The property is on a sizeable plot with well maintained gardens to the front and rear. Accommodation comprises - entrance hall, living room, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom and three bedrooms. uPVC double glazing throughout and oil fired central heating. The driveway provides ample parking and there is a garage. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the location and presentation of this property. The price is £214,950. Call Town and Country on 01691679631.

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- Double Garaging
- Possibility to split accommodation
- EPC Band - C

JJD833

GUIDE PRICE £400,000

OSWESTRY



- Modern Detached Bungalow
- GFCH & D/G
- Completely Redecorated
- New Carpets
- New Kitchen And Bathroom
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage And Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD814

£144,950

PANT



- Individually designed highly appointed three bed detached house
- O/F C/H, D/G
- Lounge & Study
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Sun Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Children's Play Room/ Fourth Bedroom
- Garage & Car Parking
- Extensive Views
- EPC Band C

JJD782

£420,000

MORDA



- Well Appointed Four Bed. Dormer Bungalow
- GFCH & D/Glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom & Cloakroom
- Study
- Garage & Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Occupying Quiet Village Position
- EPC Band - D

JJD843

£189,950

OSWESTRY



- GFCH & UPVC DG
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Attractive Private Garden
- Garaging & Parking Area
- Level Walking Distance Of Town
- EPC Band - D

JJD849

£209,950

ST. MARTINS



- Five Bed. Detached House
- Granny Annex/ Disability Extension
- OFCH & Partial D/G
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Good Sized Garden
- Quiet Cul De Sac Location
- EPC Band - E

JJD851

GUIDE PRICE £199,000

PANT



- Detached Family House
- GFCH & DG
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Garden
- Garage
- Ample Parking
- Open Views Of Countryside
- EPC Band - F

JJD850

£275,000

GOBOWEN



- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Ample Car Parking
- Large rear Garden
- Decked Patio/BBQ Area
- EPC Band - F

JJD840

OFFERS ON £154,950

PARK HALL, NR. OSWESTRY



- GFCH & D/G
- Dining Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Sun Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Attractive Garden
- Garage & Parking
- Occupying Quiet Position
- EPC Band - D

JJD820

£139,500

OSWESTRY



- Gas Fired C/H
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Ideal For Buy To Let
- Quiet Cul De Sac Position
- EPC Band - D

JJD841

£112,500

ST. MARTINS



- Detached House
- Occupying Pleasant Rural Position
- Opportunity for further improvement
- GFCH
- D/G & Secondary D/G
- Sitting Room & Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- 3 Good Sized Bedrooms
- Garaging
- Good Sized Garden
- EPC Band D

JJD855

£239,000

PANT, NR. OSWESTRY



- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Breakfast/Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Enclosed Front Garden
- Parking for 4/5 cars
- Workshop
- Includes 5/6 Plot with Full P/P for Dwelling
- EPC Band F

JJD807

GUIDE PRICE £350,000

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NEW



24 Maes-y-Dderwen, Llanfyllin

£220,000

- Modern detached 3 bedroom bungalow
- Excellent condition internally and externally
- Lounge, kitchen/breakfast, conservatory
- Master en-suite, family bathroom
- Oil-fired central heating, double glazing
- Attractive landscaped gardens
- EPC Rating = 69 (C)

Oswestry Office 01691 679595

NEW PRICE



5 Old Chirk Road, Weston Rhyn

£159,950

- Renovated Detached village bungalow
- Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Two bedrooms, lounge and rear porch
- Open fields to the rear, Gas C/Heating, D/G
- Attached garage and landscaped gardens
- EPC Rating = 62 (D)

Oswestry Office 01691 679595



19 Woodside, Welshpool

£125,000

- Semi-Detached House
- 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Part double glazed. Gas heating (combi)
- Spacious rear garden - approximately 120'
- Energy efficiency rating = 70

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

NEW PRICE



23 Heritage Way, Llanymynech

£225,000

- Modern detached 4 bedroom house
- 2 receptions, cloak, kitchen, utility
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower
- Double glazed, LP gas central heating
- Edge of village location
- No onward chain. EPC Rating = 81 (B)

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES TO LET OSWESTRY

- 1 Bed 2nd/F Flat, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=67) (£395 dep).....£295 pcm
1 Bed 2nd/F Flat, Ele/Heaters, FTE, No Pets. (EER=32) (£425 dep).....£325 pcm
1 Bed First/F Flat, Ele/Heating/FTE, No Pets. (EER=66) (£325 dep).....£325 pcm
2 Bed Mid-Terr, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=57) (£450 dep).....£350 pcm
2 Bed 1st/F Flat, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=44) (£495 dep).....£395 pcm
2 Bed End-Terr, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=49) (£570 dep).....£420 pcm
2 Bed Semi House, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=63) (£550 dep).....£450 pcm
2 Bed Semi House, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=67) (£560 dep).....£460 pcm
2 Bed Bung, Gas C/H, Parking, FTE, No Pets. (EER=63) (£740 dep).....£640 pcm

GOBOWEN

- 2 Bed Mid-Terr, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=58) (£525 dep).....£425 pcm

LLANSANTFFRAID

- 3 Bed Barn Conversion, Oil C/H, No Pets. (EER=79) (£695 dep).....£595 pcm

ELLESMERE

- 4 Bed Town House, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=39) (£750 dep).....£650 pcm

- 3 Bed Barn Conversion, FTE, No Pets. (EER=21) (£850 dep).....£750 pcm

PENYBONTFAWR

- 2 Bed Det Rural Bung, Oil C/H, FTE, No Pets. (EER=44) (£500 dep).....£400 pcm

Non-Optional Fees:

Application Fee: £40. Lease Fee: £110.00 + VAT (£132.00 incl. VAT)

VILLAGE



Old Sawley, Silverdale Drive, Trefonen

£379,950

- An individual 4 bedroom detached house
- 3 receptions, fitted kitchen, utility & cloak
- Master & guest bedroom with en-suites
- Recently installed family bathroom
- Oil-fired heating, double glazing
- EPC Rating = 66 (D)

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1 Hampton Close, Oswestry

£215,000

- Detached house on a corner plot
- 2 Receptions, 3 bedrooms, shower room
- Gas-fired central heating, double glazing
- Attached garage and "potting shed"
- Popular residential edge of town location
- No Chain. EPC Rating = 52 (E)

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VILLAGE



6 Maes Yr Ysgol, Llanfechain

£199,500

- Spacious detached 3 bedroom bungalow
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Lounge/diner and rear conservatory
- Master en-suite and bathroom
- Oil-fired heating and double glazing
- Level enclosed rear garden area
- EPC Rating 69 (C)

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Haulfryn, Llansantffraid, SY22 6AR

£100,000

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Pitt Lane Treflach £400,000

- An excellent Detached Country Property set in an elevated position with excellent views over open countryside
- The property has been sympathetically extended to create an excellent family home. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Sun Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Boot/Utility Room
- 4 Double Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. South facing landscaped gardens, double garage, garden store and vegetable plot. Oil C/H. EPC Rating E



Shrewsbury Road Oswestry £295,000

- A spacious 4 bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Having period features throughout. Large Entrance Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen, Dining Room, Cloakroom, Boiler Room, Cellar
- 4 large Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Approached over a gravelled driveway leading to private gardens, patio
- Ample off road parking. Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating



Birchwood Drive Whittington £220,000

- A well presented four bedroom detached house
- Situated on a large plot with a double garage
- Ent Hall, Living room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cloaks
- Bedroom one with En-suite, Bedroom two with en-suite
- Two further bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Office
- Double Garage, good size front and rear gardens
- Gas C/H. D/G. EPC Rating D



Albert Road Oswestry £82,000

- A deceptively spacious 1 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property with off-road parking
- Lounge, Kitchen, 1 first floor Bedroom and Bathroom
- Paved courtyard and outside storage shed to the rear
- uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. EPC \$Rating D
- This property should be of interest to first time buyers/investor purchasers.



Offas Close Treflach £350,000

- 5/6 Bedroom Executive Family Home
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Games Room
- Large Kitchen/Dining/Family Rm
- Utility/Shower Rm, Master Bedroom (en-suite)
- Bedroom 2 (en-suite), 3 Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom, Study/Bed 6
- Large Gravelled Driveway. D/G. Oil C/H. EPC Rating C



Jennings Road Oswestry £249,995

- A superbly appointed Double Fronted Edwardian Family Home
- Ent Hall, Living Rm, Study, Dining Rm, Large Kitchen, Utility/V/C
- 4 Excellent Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- Large enclosed rear garden bordered by a natural stream
- Gas central heating and partial secondary glazing
- EPC Rating D



Ash Close Weston Rhyn £169,995

- An immaculately presented Semi-Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility Room, Conservatory, 5 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Shower Room, Cloakroom and Garage/Playroom
- Ample off-road parking and spacious gardens
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating C



Barber Close Oswestry £175,000

- Well presented & spacious 3/4 Bedroom Townhouse
- Ent Hall, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room
- Cloakroom, Study/Bedroom 4
- On 1st floor, Lounge, Bedrm & Family Bathroom
- 2 further larger Bedrms (master en-suite)
- Private garden, garage & rear parking area
- Gas C/H and D/G. EPC Rating C



Churchfields St Martins £139,995

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- The property was constructed approximately 10 years ago
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility, Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Driveway and garage with good size rear garden
- Gas C/H and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating C



Ardmillan Close Oswestry £189,950

- Superbly appointed Detached House set within a popular location
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Sun Room, Utility, Cloakroom
- Three good size Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Master Bed with adj Dressing Room
- Partial D/G & some secondary glazing. Gas C/H
- Generous front and rear gardens and off-road parking
- EPC Rating F



Wingate Way Park Hall £35,000

- A new build 3 bedroom semi-detached property available on a Help to Buy Shared Ownership basis with shares ranging from 25 - 75%.
- Ent Hall, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm, recently fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms & Bathrm. Large garden & off road parking. EPC 'B'
- Gas C/H & photo voltaic solar panel system.



Prince Street Oswestry £299,950

- Well presented and spacious End of Terrace Victorian Town House
- Living room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Rear Lobby
- Bathroom, Two Bedrooms
- Gas c/H, sealed unit double glazing. EPC Rating E
- Private parking space to the rear



Hammonds Place Gobowen £95,000

- A spacious 2 Bedroom End-Terrace Property
- Lounge, Conservatory and Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Large brick storage building & adjoining open fronted storage shed
- Large plot with driveway, off-road parking private rear garden
- uPVC D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



Albert Terrace Weston Rhyn £139,995

- A spacious 3 Bed End-Terrace Cottage
- Offers the potential for a separate 1 bed ground floor annex
- Open plan Living/Dining/Kitchen, Separate Studio/Utility
- Ground floor Bathroom/Bedrm, 3 1st floor Bedrooms & Bathrm
- Gardens & parking. D/G & Gas C/H. EPC 'D'



Oswald Place Oswestry £139,995

- 3 Bed Town House with Original Features
- Within Walking Distance of Town Centre
- Kitchen Lounge, Cloakroom
- 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Master Bed with adj Dressing Room
- Private Courtyard Garden
- Gas Central Heating, D/G. EPC Rating F



College Road Oswestry £107,000

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property
- The property has been modernised throughout
- Excellent fitted Kitchen, large Lounge, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size gardens to front & rear with designated off-road parking
- uPVC D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating E



Aston Close Oswestry £149,950

- A comfortably appointed Detached House
- Ent Hall, Sitting Rm, Dining Rm, recently fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms & recently fitted Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, driveway parking and front garden
- D/G, cavity wall insulation and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D





Two bedroom semi boasts lovely open country views

Fox Hollow, 1 Mount Cottages, Oswestry, is on the market with Town and Country for £235,000. Situated within a much sought after location on the outskirts of Oswestry, this lovely two bedroom semi-detached property has views across open countryside. It is fully refurbished to a high standard. Accommodation briefly comprises - porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, two bedrooms master en-suite and bathroom. To the outside is a double garage/workshop, off road parking for up to four cars, an impressive good sized well stocked garden with a stream, outhouse and wood store. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property and its location. Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.



Black and white period farm house currently two homes

Halls have been instructed by Powys County Council to offer Domgay Hall for sale for £400,000. Domgay Hall, Four Crosses, comprises a period listed black and white half timbered farm house currently divided into two dwellings. There are a considerable range of listed traditional farm buildings around a yard to the rear, together with a further selection of more modern buildings. The houses are habitable but are in need of modernisation but do provide two good sized three bedroom properties. The houses are served by their own separate roadside accesses. The outbuildings comprise a substantial traditional range of two storey farm buildings which are listed. Contact Halls Welshpool on 01938 555552.



Smart dormer property in quiet spot on edge of village

On the market with JJ Dell & Co, Elton, in Nant Lane, on the edge of Morda, is a well appointed detached dormer bungalow in a quiet village position. It has an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, four double bedrooms, a bathroom, cloakroom, garage, car parking and gardens. The kitchen has an integrated oven, hob and vinyl flooring. The lounge has a fireplace with a solid fuel burner, and there is a study. There are four bedrooms and a bathroom with a white suite of wash hand basin, bath with an electric shower over, WC, heated towel rail and vinyl flooring. The property is priced at £189,950. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit the website www.jjdell.co.uk for more details.



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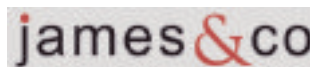
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Warning on scam issued by officers

RESIDENTS of Mid Wales are being warned to remain vigilant to phone scams after an elderly woman was targeted by fraudsters.

Dyfed-Powys Police said an elderly woman from Powys, who does not wish to be identified, was called by a scammer claiming to be from Visa Verification asking her to hand over banking details.

Sharon Reynolds, force spokeswoman, said: "Phone scams are a type of fraud which is also known as courier fraud and often targets the elderly and vulnerable.

"The victim receives a phone call from fraudsters who say they are from their bank or the police.

"They tell the victim that they are calling because there has been suspicious activity on their account and advise them to call the bank from the number on the back of their card, which helps the victim to believe the call is genuine.

"The victim disconnects the phone and dials their bank or police.

"However, the fraudster has kept the telephone line open so, even though a number is dialled, it is not connected, and the victim is still on the phone to the fraudster, who then gains their trust and usually asks them to either say or key in their PIN, before telling them their card will be collected and a replacement delivered, or asks them to go to their bank branch and transfer money into another account."

She added the elderly woman was targeted in a variation of the scam and went to her bank and transferred a large sum of money into another account.

There is now an investigation to try to find the funds.

Store staff raise £600 for charity

ADVENTUROUS supermarket staff scaled the highest peaks of the Brecon Beacons to raise more than £600 for charity.

A team of seven work colleagues from the Harry Tuffins store in Churchstoke helped to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust in an eight-hour trek.

The team was led by Terry Carpenter, who works in the store's garden centre. He managed to complete the walk across the Cribben, Pen y Fan and Corn Du peaks, despite having injured his ankle in the early stages of the hike.

Mr Carpenter said: "This was a tough challenge in adverse weather conditions, but we're very proud of our achievement in conquering the three highest peaks of the Brecon Beacons."

"We're committed to helping good causes, and we're pleased to raise these much needed funds for a charity that does excellent work for teenagers with cancer throughout the country," Mr Carpenter added.

Christmas at centre

CHRISTMAS has come early at one garden centre near Oswestry.

Moreton Park Garden Centre at Gledrid has held what is believed to be the first Christmas fair in the county.

Alyson Haywood, general manager at Moreton Park, said: "It was a wonderful evening with lots of smiling faces enjoying the entertainment. Children were particularly wowed by the dramatic displays.

"A lot of hard work and planning goes into the preparation for the event so we were thrilled that the evening was such a success."

Tea shop milks the acclaim at tourism awards night



Staff at The Tea Rooms show off their certificates

A tea room which opened only last year has already proved a hit by scooping three awards.

The Tea Rooms in Chirk took top honours in the North East Wales Tourism Awards, winning the Best Café/Restaurant award as well as the awards for sourcing local produce and outstanding commitment to the Wrexham Tourism Ambassador Scheme.

In the run-up to the awards, held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Wrexham, there were more than 2,000 votes cast online by the public for six of the 11 awards, with the remaining five being decided by the Wrexham Destination Management Partnership Board.

Richard Massie, owner of The Tea

Rooms, which is in Courtyard Terrace, said he was delighted to have won the awards.

He added: "We are all over the moon to have won three awards, but have to say a massive thank you to everyone who voted for us. The best Best Café/Restaurant was a very strong category with over 20 nominees.

"The cafe is a family-run business and we only opened in March last year. Since then we've gone from strength to strength, and we're delighted to have won three awards, particularly the best cafe/restaurant award as that one was voted for by our customers.

While the Tea Rooms was the biggest winner on the night, the National

Trust-owned Erddig Hall, near Wrexham, also took home a public-voted prize for best visitor attraction.

Joe Bickerton, destination manager at Wrexham County Borough Council, said: "These awards are really designed to celebrate not only our growing visitor economy, one of the fastest in the UK, but also the tremendous commitment given by such a wide range of tourism businesses across the county borough in the last 12 months.

"Although we're getting more visitors arriving, it's crucial that they have a great experience with us, otherwise we may lose them forever, along with the people they then go away and tell about it."

Council vows to work with public on garages' future

Report by Karen Evans

THE future of garages owned by Powys County Council will be considered on a site-by-site basis to see if they should be improved or removed.

Officers at Powys County Council have completed a condition-and-demand report on all 1,946 garages it owns and decisions over whether to sell, upgrade or demolish each site will be made after consultation with local people.

Councillor Graham Brown, the authority's portfolio holder for commissioning and procurement, said some garage sites are very popular and remain fully let with strong waiting lists, but others are far less popular, are difficult to let and are not economically viable to maintain.

The current weekly rent for a garage is £5.25 or £252 annually for council tenants and £6.30 per week or £302.40 annually for garage tenants who are not tenants of the council.

The garages delivered an annual rental income of £424,811 in 2013/2014, of which 99.4 per cent of it was collected, but they cost about £180,000 annually in terms of minor repairs.

Councillor Brown told a meeting of Powys County Council's cabinet that the garages sit on a large amount of land and some of it could be used for other purposes including extra car parking, extra housing or the provision of green space.

He said: "The overall situation with our garage portfolio is a complex one and every site is different. We have some well-maintained and well-used sites as well as some poorly used sites in various states of repair.

"We have now completed a condition-and-demand report for each site. We intend to use this information to start a programme of consultation with local tenants and residents and improvement work where viable to our garage sites."

He said for each site there are three options: to retain the garage and invest in it, to sell the garages to a private provider so they would invest in it, or to demolish the garages and use the land for an alternative use.

Councillors agreed to note the report and the approach taken to determine the future use of council-owned garages across Powys.

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In all the cyclists had to climb 1,351 metres during the biking challenge.

When Mark Cavendish realised that Ben was just 11 years of age, he was so impressed with the youngest competitor's riding he called him up onto the stage to congratulate him.

Memorable meeting for Ben



Young Oswestry cyclist Ben Pierce meets road racing star Mark Cavendish

Top star congratulates youngster on bike effort

CYCLING-mad youngster Ben Pierce will never forget the day he met one of his sporting heroes.

Ben, 11, caught the eye of sprint cycling star Mark Cavendish when he took part in the former world champion's Friends Life Tour Ride 100.

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The former world champion also gave the youngster a special prize, a pair of his signed cycling sunglasses.

Ben, from Harlech Road in Oswestry and a student at the Marches School in the town, said he was thrilled with the recognition.

His mum, Claire, said Ben had been riding bikes since he was about four.

She said Ben was a member of Mid Shropshire Wheelers

"His dad has always ridden bikes and so he was on a bike as soon as he could," she said.

"He loves his cycling and Mark Cavendish and Bradley Wiggins are his heroes.

"He met Wiggins when he was here for the British stage of the Tour de France so he is on something of a roll at the moment.

Residents have cash returned to them

ELEVEN people in Mid Wales have had money returned to them as a result of a crackdown on prize draw mail scams.

Powys County Council said the refunds came after the National Trading Standards Scams Team and Royal Mail began seizing responses to mail scams before the money reaches the hands of scammers.

The initiative was backed by Powys County Council's Trading Standards Service which has visited those residents affected to inform them they have been a victim of a prize draw scam.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for Trading Standards, said: "This initiative is welcomed by the council as prize draws are notorious for targeting the elderly and other vulnerable people, who are less likely to realise that the mail is a scam.

"Our Trading Standards Service is working hard in partnership with numerous agencies to protect the most vulnerable in our communities during difficult times."

Lord Toby Harris, chairman of National Trading Standards, said: "To have reunited so many people with so much money in the months since the project launched is a great achievement and I'm incredibly proud of the work the teams are doing, but our job isn't finished.

"We are determined to prevent as much money as possible reaching the hands of these criminals, sending an ever louder message to the scammers that their cowardly activities will not be tolerated."

Louise Baxter, head of the National Trading Standards Scams Team, added she was delighted cheques and money had been returned.

Student Ben tells of AIDS work abroad

OSWESTRY student Ben Burton has returned from spending three months volunteering at schools in one of Africa's poorest nations.

Ben, 22, worked in Zambia thanks, in part to a donation from the town's rotary club, which gave him £200 towards the £800 cost of his stay.

Ben recently told Rotarians of his experiences working with the charity Restless Development to help fight the spread of AIDS.

"Life expectancy there is now 50, an increase from 30 as it was 10 years ago," he said.

As well as the £200 grant from the rotary club, Ben raised money for his trip by organising events including a coffee afternoon at the Rectory in Whittington.

Three get to prayer finals

THREE pupils have qualified for the national finals of a prayer reading competition.

Cordelia Harpin, Eliza Kiel and Mary Richardson have reached the finals of the Cranmer Awards, an annual competition run by the Prayer Book Society to introduce young people to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

All three are pupils at Moreton Hall School in Oswestry.

The finals will take place in Worcester in February.

Date for next big triathlon announced

THE date for next year's Montgomery Canal Triathlon has been announced by organisers.

The event, which sees competitors run, cycle and paddle along the 25-mile length of the canal between Newtown in Mid Wales and Frankton near Oswestry, will be held on May 9.

Participants are challenged to cycle 17 miles from Newtown to Pool Quay and then walk the 10-and-a-half miles from Pool Quay to Morton.

And finally they have to canoe seven-and-a-half miles from Morton to Frankton.

Entrants can choose how many sections they want to complete, with medals made from local slate being awarded based on the number of sections completed.

The medallions will be printed in gold for entrants who complete all three sections, silver for those that complete two, and bronze when only one section is completed.

This year's event was hailed by organisers as the biggest yet, with entrants coming from as far as Cornwall, Norfolk and Suffolk, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, Kent and Lancashire.

Judith Richards, speaking for the organising committee, said, "This year was the third Montgomery Canal Triathlon and we were surprised and delighted to find that there were twice as many people joining us this year."

"With entrants coming from across the UK, the triathlon is a great event to show everything that the Montgomery Canal means to our area."

For more information and an entry form visit www.maesburycanalfestival.co.uk or contact (01691) 831455.

Sewing club gets working on projects

A COMMUNITY group's first venture into the world of sewing has got off to a successful start.

Llangynyw Community Group, near Llanfair Caereinion has started a Sew It Together evening.

Members of the group are involved in making various sewing projects.

Projects taken on so far include crocheted toys, loopy scarves, Christmas stockings, skirts and dresses and wall hangings.

The group meets every Thursday at the Old School for the next eight weeks from 7pm to 9pm.

Sessions are free to attend and there is a lot of free cloth, buttons, patterns and machines for anyone to make use of.

A Christmas craft evening will be held on December 4.

Boxtrolls to be screened

CHILDREN'S film *The Boxtrolls* (PG) will be screened in Oswestry during half-term at Kinokultura cinema.

The film will be shown in 3D on Saturday, and in 2D on Sunday. All screenings will be at 1.30pm at the cinema in Arthur Street.

Tickets cost £6 for adults and £4 under 16s, and £1 more for 3D screenings. To book call the box office on 0845 2500517. Doors open 30 minutes before the screening time and refreshments will be available.

MP praises efforts to save town's landmark tree

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies has praised the people of Llanfyllin for their efforts in ensuring the town's iconic Lonely Tree landmark secured a prestigious award.

A committee was set up to save the tree, which has stood above the town for generations, after it was blown over in violent storms earlier this year.

Their efforts were rewarded when it was named Welsh Tree of the Year.

The Woodland Trust was searching for "the most lovable tree, a tree with a story that can bring the community together".

And after being announced as the winner of the competition on the tree will now be Wales's representative in next year's European Tree of the

Year competition. The tree lies on land owned by the family of town and county councillor Peter Lewis, who is a member of the Lonely Tree committee and put the tree forward for the accolade.

The Scots Pine had surveyed the Llanfyllin landscape for at least 150 years.

But it was brought down by 100mph winds that battered Wales in February.

A committee was set up to try to save the tree, and volunteers covered two 'tap roots' keeping it alive with 30 tonnes of soil.

Mr Davies said: "This landmark tree is a deserving winner of the Woodland Trust's Welsh Tree of the Year award."

"There has been an impressive campaign locally to ensure it won and I would like to congratulate all town councillors, local residents and Cllr Peter Lewis for their hard work."

"The tree is very special to the area. It has grown through much of Montgomeryshire's history and is part of the landscape and of the community in Llanfyllin."

"The way people came together to help save the tree after it was blown over in February is an excellent example of the community spirit which makes Llanfyllin and Montgomeryshire such a special place."

"Congratulations to the residents of Llanfyllin for this well-deserved title," he added.



Llanfyllin's Lonely Tree was blown over in storms

Car rally enthusiasts in for big treat at historic castle

By Pam Kingsley

RALLY cars from the past including Aston Martins and Maseratis will be on show at Chirk Castle when some of the best rally drivers in the world race through the area.

The iconic cars will be at the historic castle for a RallyFest, a family-friendly event held as part of Wales Rally GB. The event will take place on November 15, the day after a stage of the main rally running from Newtown to Llanidloes is held.

Some of the world's top drivers will blast their turbocharged machines around a competitive section laid out on the private roads around the medieval castle on the Shropshire border.

Alongside the racing, organisers have confirmed there will be parades and displays of supercars and historic rally cars.

A line-up of supercars will arrive at Chirk at about 10am.

They will complete two laps of the stage before parking up for visitors to get a closer look.

Among the pin-ups already confirmed to appear are icons from magical marques such as Aston Martin, Ferrari, Maserati and Porsche as well as one of the superfast and ultra-rare BAC Monos.

Once all the cars are on public display, the stage will host demonstration runs by selected rally cars from past eras.

Admission to the RallyFest will be strictly by advanced tickets only in a bid to avoid the heavy traffic congestion faced by visitors last year.

Jonathan Gill, spokesman for the rally organisers, said: "After the huge popularity of last year's RallyFest we are providing increased car parking as well as extra viewing areas and facilities for spectators."

"Numbers are being restricted to those buying tickets before 11.59pm on November 13."

"A carefully planned traffic management system has been introduced and access to the car parks will be closed at 11.30am."

Mr Gill added: "The direction of travel will then be reversed to ensure spectators can leave the venue without unnecessary congestion."

"Car parks open at 8am and the advice is to arrive early and savour the supercars and other attractions."

Talk on war

MEMBERS of Oswestry Family and Local History Group will give a talk on the town during World War One on Thursday next week.

The talk will take place from 12pm to 1pm at Oswestry Library, Arthur Street and will cost £2.50.

Places should be booked by calling (01691) 677388.

Police make appeal over hate crimes

Officers from the police force which serves Oswestry are urging victims of hate crime not to suffer in silence by reporting incidents.

Reports of hate crimes in the West Mercia policing area fell in the 2013/14 financial year compared to the previous financial year. In Shropshire the figure fell from 104 to 97.

However, national research shows that hate crimes are underreported and the government and police are committed to tackling this problem and giving people the confidence to report such incidents.

The drop in reported offences locally is in contrast to national data, which showed a five per cent increase in reports across the country.

Superintendent Neil Jamieson, hate crime lead for West Mercia Police, said: "Hate crimes are different from many other types of offences in that we actually want to see an increase in reported incidents."

"We know that nationally, hate crime is underreported and we are committed to ensuring people have the confidence to report such incidents and give us the opportunity to investigate."

Hate crimes cover crimes committed out of hostility or prejudice on the grounds of race, religion or faith, sexual orientation, transgender identity, disability or individual characteristics that makes someone appear different.

Reports of hate crime in the West Mercia policing area fell 11 per cent in 2013/14, with 567 reported incidents, down from 638 in 2012/13.

Mr Jamieson is keen to reverse this trend and ensure victims of hate crime are getting the support they need and perpetrators are brought to justice.

He said: "The best way to stop hate crime is to report it, whether that is to the police or one of the other methods available to victims."

Anthology is released by coalition

AN anthology of writings on peace and conscientious objection during the First World War has been published by Oswestry Coalition for Peace.

When Men Refuse to Fight focuses on and remembers some of those who championed peace and spoke out against the war.

The 44-page booklet includes correspondence and news items from newspapers, statements made by conscientious objectors who were detained at Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, and elsewhere, and poems and prose by Bertrand Russell, Hermann Hesse, Carl Jung, Margaret Sackville, Corder Catchpool, Ellis Humphrey Evans (Hedd Wyn) and others.

The booklet costs £3. It is available from Honeysuckle Wholefoods - where white peace poppies can also be bought - Oswestry Museum, Oswestry Library, Booka bookshop and Oswestry Heritage Centre.

Volunteer plea from Age UK's officers

A CHARITY which supports over 60s is looking for volunteers in the Oswestry area.

Officials at Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin want people to step forward to make home visits to older people who may otherwise not see anyone all week.

The charity's officers are also looking for volunteers who would be able to work at day centres the organisation runs in St Martins on Tuesdays and Oswestry on Thursdays.

Rachel Whitney, recruitment and volunteer support officer for the charity, said: "Many of our volunteers tell us that the time they spend visiting or supporting older people is some of the most rewarding in their week."

"We are urgently in need of befriending volunteers to spend one to two hours a week visiting an older person in Oswestry or the surrounding area to provide companionship and a good listening ear."

"Our befriending wait list has an unusually high percentage of people waiting for a volunteer visitor in the Oswestry area."

"Befriending volunteers give their support by carrying out a social visit to the older person's own home, promoting and supporting their independence, enjoying a cuppa and a chat, reminiscing or encouraging their hobbies."

"Volunteers are also needed to help out at the day centres for at least a couple of hours each week by greeting members, helping with refreshments and joining in the group activities going on."

To find out more information about the volunteering opportunities people are asked to call Rachel Whitney on 01743 233123 extension 230.

River group looks back at projects

THE River Yrwny Community Group has celebrated its first anniversary with a look back over the work it has done in the past year.

Members of the group and volunteers from the local community have worked with local landowners to control Himalayan balsam along the River Yrwny.

They have also monitored water quality by river fly larvae sampling and involved the local schools in a logo competition.

The winning logo, designed by Nell Walsh of Meifod School, featured on a birthday cake made by Gillian Roberts, from Llanymynech.

The group is supported by the Severn Rivers Trust's Big Lottery-funded Monty Rivers Project.

For more information about getting involved with the River Yrwny Community Group or the work of the Severn Rivers Trust contact Lisa Barlow, Monty Rivers Project officer, on 07967 494219 or email lisa-barlow@severnriverstrust.com

Fundraiser planned

A COFFEE morning will be held to raise funds for an annual senior citizen's party.

The coffee morning will be held at Welshpool Town Hall's Corn Exchange tomorrow (Friday) from 9am until noon.

It will raise money for the organisers of the annual New Year Party held for the town's elderly residents. There will be stalls, refreshments and a raffle.

The party will be held on January 27 and ticket details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Proud history remembered



Peter Johnson signs a copy of his book to CHR president Richard Jones

Railway historian visits town for day of activities

RAILWAY author and historian Peter Johnson visited Oswestry to give a talk on the history of the Cambrian Railway.

Mr Johnson travelled from Leicester to Oswestry - the home of the former railway and of the present day Cambrian Heritage Railway - for a day of activities.

It began with a tour of the CHR's facilities at Oswestry, including the Cambrian Railways Museum and the World War One exhibition in the station building, along with trains rides at both Oswestry and Llynclwyd.

In the evening Mr Johnson gave his talk at Oswestry Memorial Hall and signed copies of his latest book, *The Cambrian Railways*, a new history.

The visit was Mr Johnson's first trip to the town for 43 years.

Mr Johnson said: "I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to come to Oswestry, a real railway town."

"Having last come here in 1971, I am

deeply impressed with all which has been achieved. There is plenty of interest for visitors to see and experience - it's not just a train ride.

"I am not going to say my work isn't fault-free, but I have taken the trouble to go through more than 150 files at the National Archives in Kew, something other historians have not done. Some of these files were thin, while others were several inches thick."

"They included minute books and reports by engineers and solicitors - along with newspaper cuttings. Together, they help tell a very complicated and fascinating story."

CHR chairman Rob Williams said: "In the 150th anniversary of the Cambrian Railway we felt it was appropriate to mark it with a series of events, of which this is one."

The next CHR lecture will take place on December 6 at Oswestry Station Building, Oswald Road, with a talk by Richard Hosken of the Trevithick Society.



Match of the Day
10.20pm
Gary Lineker presents action from the latest Premier League fixtures, featuring Newcastle United v Liverpool at St James' Park and Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers at Stamford Bridge. Plus, highlights of Arsenal v Burnley, Everton v Swansea City and Hull City v Southampton.



Frankenstein and the Vampyre – A Dark and Stormy Night
9pm
An exploration of one of the most significant moments in gothic fiction history, when Lord Byron, Mary and Percy Bysshe Shelley and friends gathered together in Switzerland at the Villa Diodati near Lake Geneva to tell ghost stories.



The Jonathan Ross Show
10pm
The host is joined by actress Keira Knightley - starring in Alan Turing biopic The Imitation Game and romantic comedy Say When - quick-witted Have I Got News for You team captain Paul Merton and Welsh rugby hero Gareth Thomas. Plus, music by electro-pop trio London Grammar.



Walking Through History: Victoria and Albert's Highland Fling
8pm
Tony Robinson visits the Cairngorms National Park to discover how Queen Victoria and Prince Albert helped shape Scottish traditions and imagery, such as tartan, bagpipes and caber-tossing.



Gotham
9pm
A corrupt businessman, released on bail, instructs his lawyers to bribe his way out of trouble using the proceeds of his illicit activities. Later, a masked balloon seller snaps a handcuff on him and he floats skywards to his death, leaving Gordon and Bullock to track down the vigilante.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
10.00	Saturday Kitchen Live. James Martin is joined by chefs Dan Doherty and Daniel Galmiche, and singer Sam Bailey faces her food heaven or hell.
11.30	James Martin: Home Comforts. The chef shares recipes made with a few store-cupboard staples.
12.00	BBC News; Weather.
12.10	Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches.
12.50	Saturday Sportsday.
1.00	Bargain Hunt. Kate Bliss and James Braxton each help two teams search for potentially profitable items at an antiques fair in Detling, Kent. Meanwhile, presenter Tim Wonnacott visits Quex Park. (R)
2.00	Homes Under the Hammer. Developers Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore a three-bedroom house in Accrington, Lancashire, a property in need of renovation in Kent and a barn conversion in Devon. (R)
3.00	Escape to the Country. Alistair Appleton and Nicki Chapman travel across Devon to help two couples find their dream rural retreats, and offer hints and tips on buying in the area.
4.00	Final Score. Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.25	BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.40	Pointless Celebrities. With Anton Du Beke, Kate Garraway and Bonnie Langford.
6.30	Strictly Come Dancing. The couples perform spooky routines in a Halloween special, with the judges deciding who was frightfully good and who was awfully bad. With Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.
8.15	Doctor Who. Part one of two. The Doctor finally comes face to face with Missy in the mysterious world of the Nethersphere, where plans have been drawn up and an impossible choice is looming.
9.00	Casualty. The paramedics are called out when a fight between rival football fans leads to injury – only for the violence to spill over into the hospital. Ash struggles to cope under pressure.
9.50	The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin is joined by singer Sheryl Crow as she reveal the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
10.00	BBC News; Weather.
10.20	Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents action from the latest Premier League fixtures, featuring Newcastle United v Liverpool at St James' Park and Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers at Stamford Bridge; National Lottery Update.
11.45	The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Birmingham City.
1.05	Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.10	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.00	This Is BBC2.
6.15	FILM: Sons of the Musketeers (1952). Swashbuckling adventure, starring Maureen O'Hara.
7.30	FILM: The Quick Gun (1964). Western, starring Audie Murphy.
9.00	The Private Life of Plants. Flowering plant reproduction. (R)
9.50	The Private Life of Plants. How plants compete with their rivals. (R)
10.40	The Private Life of Plants. (R)
11.30	Map Man. (R)
12.00	The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. The pastry chef prepares sticky chicken. (R)
12.30	Puttin' on the Ritz: The Genius of Fred Astaire. Fred Astaire's definitive performance of the song and dance routine. (R)
12.45	FILM: That's Entertainment Part Two (1976). Compilation of MGM highlights, starring Judy Garland.
2.45	FILM: Show Boat (1951). Musical romance, with Kathryn Grayson and Howard Keel.
4.30	The Great Interior Design Challenge. Transforming the bedrooms of three medieval homes in Suffolk. (R)
5.30	Flog It! From Lissanoure Castle in Co Antrim.
6.30	Gardeners' World. The horticultural advice series concludes as Monty Don takes stock of his year at Longmeadow, and Carol Klein celebrates the virtues of the wildlife hedge. Last in the series. (R)
7.00	Restoring England's Heritage. Historian Tom Holland visits three important sites on the English Heritage "at-risk" list in the south of England, including a hospital built in memory of an explorer.
7.30	The Greatest Knight: William the Marshal. Thomas Asbridge examines the life and times of William Marshal, an English soldier and statesman who served four kings of England in the 12th and 13th centuries. (R)
8.30	Dad's Army. Mainwaring seizes the chance to contribute to the war effort by guarding a captured German U-boat crew. Guest starring Philip Madoc. (R)
9.00	Frankenstein and the Vampyre – A Dark and Stormy Night. Docu-drama examining the origins of the classic horror characters, when Lord Byron, Mary and Percy Bysshe Shelley and friends gathered to tell ghost stories in 1816.
10.00	Formula 1: United States Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights. The key moments from the battle for pole position at the United States Grand Prix, the 17th round of the campaign, held at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.
11.15	QI XL. Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe, Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies take part as host Stephen Fry asks a range of fiendish questions about lenses, lungs and legs.
12.00	TOTP2: Halloween Special. (R)
1.00	FILM: Silkwood (1983). Fact-based drama, starring Meryl Streep.
3.05	This Is BBC2.
4.30	Rugby League: Four Nations.

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7.20	Signed Stories: Share a Story
7.25	Sooty
7.35	Mr Bean: The Animated Series
7.50	Matt Hatter Chronicles
8.15	Horrid Henry
8.30	The Munch Box
9.25	The Hungry Sailors. The duo visit the Cornish parish of Feock. (R)
10.20	Murder, She Wrote. An Egyptian relic is stolen. (R)
11.20	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.25	Storage Hoarders. A man hopes to get his hands on a family fortune. (R)
12.25	Surprise Surprise. Alesha Dixon and Vincent and Flavia reward members of the public. (R)
1.25	The Unforgettable Sid James. Profile of the Carry On star. (R)
2.00	Doc Martin. Bert opens a restaurant. (R)
3.00	Keep It in the Family. Game show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
4.00	FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008). A family of explorers battles an evil Chinese Emperor who has risen from his ancient tomb to take over the world. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser and Maria Bello.
6.00	ITV News Central; Weather.
6.15	ITV News and Weather.
6.30	New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a selection of videos filmed by viewers, featuring memorable pregnancy reactions, a dog ruining a living room, and a grandmother performing a striptease.
7.00	The Chase: Celebrity Special. Coronation Street actress Kym Marsh, relationship expert Tracey Cox, choreographer Louie Spence and former tennis star Greg Rusedski take on a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.
8.00	The X Factor. The remaining acts get into the Halloween spirit for Fright Night, facing increasing pressure to raise their game and impress with note-perfect performances. Dermot O'Leary hosts. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.
10.00	The Jonathan Ross Show. With actress Keira Knightley, Have I Got News for You regular Paul Merton, former rugby star Gareth Thomas, Great British Bake Off judge Paul Hollywood and pop trio London Grammar.
11.05	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.20	FILM: Bloody Sunday (2002). Fact-based drama recalling the events when British soldiers opened fire on a parade in Londonderry in 1972, killing 13 unarmed civilians. With James Nesbitt and Nicholas Farrell.
1.20	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)
3.40	ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

Channel 4	
6.05	Beauty and the Beast Marathon. Action from the off-road marathon in West Wycombe Park.
7.00	Cycling: Revolution Series. Action from the opening round of the series in London.
7.55	The Morning Line. Rishi Persad presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing at Ascot.
9.00	Weekend Kitchen. With Nadia Sawalha and Larry Lamb.
10.00	Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray foils a robbery. (R)
10.30	Frasier. Niles and Frasier are invited to join a prestigious club. (R)
11.00	The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon punishes Leonard for a past mistake. (R)
11.30	The Big Bang Theory. (R)
11.55	The Simpsons. Bart risks being held back a year. (R)
12.30	Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. Coulson puts his agents in the line of fire in the hope of saving them all. (R)
1.30	Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Wetherby and Down Royal.
4.00	Come Dine with Me. Banker Mandeep Rajput hosts the first dinner party in Dudley, West Midlands. (R)
4.30	Come Dine with Me. Adam Reece rustles up an Italian menu in Dudley, West Midlands. (R)
5.00	Come Dine with Me. Di Dawson hosts the third dinner party from Dudley, West Midlands. (R)
5.35	Come Dine with Me. Vicky Pell hosts a cruise ship-themed party in Dudley in the West Midlands. (R)
6.05	Come Dine with Me. Businesswoman Sarah Freeman hosts the final dinner party from Dudley, West Midlands, and hopes to impress her guests with a Moroccan menu. (R)
6.35	Channel 4 News.
7.05	Speed with Guy Martin. The motorcycle racer teams up with endurance expert Jason Miles to find out how far it is possible to travel on a tandem during 24 hours of non-stop pedalling. (R)
8.00	Walking Through History: Victoria and Albert's Highland Fling. Tony Robinson visits the Cairngorms National Park to discover how Queen Victoria and Prince Albert helped shape Scottish traditions and built their fantasy castle at Balmoral.
9.00	FILM: Red (2010). A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt, and reunites his old hit squad to find out who wants them dead. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman.
11.10	FILM: Babylon AD (2008). A mercenary escorts a girl from post-apocalyptic Russia to New York, unaware she holds the key to mankind's salvation. Sci-fi adventure, starring Vin Diesel and Michelle Yeh.
12.55	Rude Tube. (R)
1.50	Hollyoaks. (R)
3.55	Location, Location, Location. (R)
4.50	Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R)
5.45	NFL: The American Football Show. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	Milkshake! Peppa Pig
6.05	Roary the Racing Car
6.15	Angelina Ballerina
6.30	Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures
6.35	Seaside Antics
6.40	The Mr Men Show
6.50	Chloe's Closet
7.05	Oily the Little White Van
7.10	Bananas in Pyjamas
7.25	Make Way for Noddy
7.35	Paw Patrol
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9.00	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.15	Jelly Jamm
9.30	LazyTown
10.00	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The gang is hunted by a mutant turtle with a personal vendetta.
10.35	Access. Showbiz news and gossip.
10.50	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A dispute arising from a failed business venture. Last in the series. (R)
11.50	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul and Steve make an extraordinary discovery. (R)
12.50	Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy. The presenter visits Le Marche and Rome. (R)
1.50	FILM: A Christmas Visitor (2002). Drama, starring Reagan Pasternak.
3.35	FILM: A Carol Christmas (2003). Festive comedy drama, starring Tori Spelling.
5.15	FILM: The Town Christmas Forgot (2010). Drama, starring Lauren Holly.
7.00	5 News Weekend.
7.05	Marilyn Monroe: The Missing Evidence. The conspiracy theories surrounding the actress's death, revealing the content of tape recordings made inside Monroe's house hours before her apparent suicide. (R)
8.05	World War II in Colour. Hitler's disastrous invasion of the Soviet Union, during which the previously undefeated German forces were destroyed by the apparently endless resources of Stalin's war machine. (R)
9.00	Gotham. Gordon and Bullock track down a vigilante balloon seller responsible for the death of a corrupt businessman, and Oswald Cobblepot returns to Gotham. (R)
10.00	FILM: The New Daughter (2009). Premiere. A writer moves to a rural house with his children, and his daughter becomes fascinated by a nearby burial ground. She begins to behave in a shocking and violent manner, leaving her father convinced she is being taken over by evil spirits. He delves into the history of the house to find the cause of the disturbance and save her from it. Horror, starring Kevin Costner and Ivana Baquero.
12.05	SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.
3.10	The Da Vinci Code: The True Story. Exploring the claims made in Dan Brown's bestseller. (R)
4.00	House Doctor. Revamping a detached house in Sandhurst, Berkshire. (R)
4.25	Make It Big. The team races to sell more tickets. (R)
4.50	Make It Big. The big day arrives. (R)
5.15	Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.20	Angels of Jarm. Angel Ellie teaches a boy to just be himself at the nursery. (R)



Antiques Roadshow

8pm

Fiona Bruce presents a second programme from the Somme battlefields, in which she and a small group of experts meet families with stories of courage in wartime. They include the story of a footballer who is said to have kicked a ball to lead an advance into enemy lines.



Human Universe

7pm

Professor Brian Cox reveals how by watching the stars' motion across the night sky, it is quite natural for man to think he is at the centre of everything. That view was held for many ages, but innate human curiosity has eventually led to an understanding of mankind's true place in space and time.



Keep It in the Family

7pm

Pop supergroup McBusted are this week's celebrity assistants as two families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds to win big prizes. The stars each hold the clue to a gift and face being sent through a trapdoor as the contestants decide whether to swap, drop or keep it in the family.



Speed with Guy Martin

8pm

The motorcycle racer heads to Colorado, where he hopes to win one of America's oldest races – the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb. In this annual contest, known as the Race to the Clouds, riders compete on a mountainside track that finishes more than 13,000ft above sea level.



Police Interceptors

10.50am

Hayley rushes to help two badly injured motorcyclists, while Ross and John haul in a drink-driver who has left a trail of destruction in his wake. Duncan has to escort a 176-wheel monster truck through Workington, Steve deals with a boy racer, and Tom goes undercover on the trail of some suspected bike thieves.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
7.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Newcastle United v Liverpool. (R)
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Sunday Morning Live. Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues.
11.00 Sunday Politics. Presented by Andrew Neil.
12.15 MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
1.00 BBC News; Weather.
1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R)
2.00 Holiday of My Lifetime with Len Goodman. Ainsley Harriott and Len visit Blackpool, Lancashire. (R)
2.45 Lost Treasures of the Sikh Kingdom. The story behind Maharajah Ranjit Singh's lost treasures.
3.15 Escape to the Country. Finding a family home in the Essex countryside. (R)
4.00 Points of View. Jeremy Vine is joined by a viewers' panel.
4.15 Songs of Praise. Hymn singing with the congregation of St Michael's Church in Lissau.
4.50 Life Story. The transition animals go through as they grow up. (R)
5.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.20 Countryfile. The team reports from the Isle of Wight, where Matt Baker witnesses restoration work on Ryde Pier and Ellie Harrison visits Queen Victoria's island home and private beach. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal which couples are in the dance-off, leaving their fates in the hands of the judges, and Annie Lennox provides the music.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the second of two programmes from the Somme battlefields, in which she and the experts are joined by families with stories of courage and humanity in wartime.
9.00 Death in Paradise. Humphrey and the team investigate the shooting of Fidel's old friend, who had been working as an escort and had left several disgruntled women in his wake. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.30 Formula 1: United States Grand Prix – Highlights. Suzi Perry introduces action from the United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, where the 17th round of the campaign took place.
12.00 The Apprentice. The entrepreneurs create their own online video channels for YouTube, with one team opting for light-hearted cookery demonstrations, while the other settles for health and fitness. (R)
1.00 FILM: Girl from Rio (2001). A bank clerk with a passion for samba discovers his wife has left him, and in a moment of madness robs his employer and sets out for Rio. Comedy, with Hugh Laurie and Vanessa Nunes.
2.35 Weather for the Week Ahead.
2.40 BBC News.

BBC2

- 7.30 Countryfile.** Northumberland is the location as Matt Baker visits Hadrian's Wall. (R)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Monty Don takes stock of his year at Longmeadow. Last in the series. (R)
9.00 The Football League Show. Highlights of the latest games in the Championship, League One and League Two. (R)
10.20 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.
11.50 James Martin: Home Comforts. Simple recipes to impress dinner-party guests. Last in the series.
12.20 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. Ken Hom and Ching-He Huang sample the cuisine of Chengdu, capital of Sichuan. (R)
1.20 FILM: Waterloo (1970). Historical drama, starring Rod Steiger.
3.30 Flog It! Trade Secrets. Valuable bird-related items.
4.00 Inside the Animal Mind. Why the cleverest animals are also the most social. Last in the series. (R)
5.00 Rugby League: Four Nations Highlights. England v Australia and New Zealand v Samoa.
6.00 Britain's Classroom Heroes 2014. Dan Snow hosts the awards ceremony honouring the nation's teachers at London's Guildhall, with guests including David Cameron, Catherine Tate, Ainsley Harriott and Louis Smith.
7.00 Human Universe. Professor Brian Cox explores how innate human curiosity has led mankind to realise its true place in space and time, appreciating that Earth is not at the centre of all things. (R)
8.00 Wonders of the Monsoon. Exploring the relationship that has developed over thousands of years between the people who live in monsoon regions and the wildlife they share them with. Last in the series.
9.00 Afghanistan: The Lion's Last Roar? The concluding part examines Britain's attempts to extricate itself from the war and asks whether the nation will have the desire to commit troops to such conflicts in the future.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. A review of the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium and Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur at Villa Park.
11.05 Russell Howard's Good News. The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print. A special guest also makes an appearance. (R)
11.35 The Fall. Gibson revisits the Sarah Kay crime scene with Reed Smith and discovers a potential new lead, while Spector's boss questions him about his visit to Liz Tyler. (R)
12.35 The Fall. Gibson realises the Annie Brawley attack is the work of the serial killer. Last in the series. (R)
1.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)
2.30 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
3.30 This is BBC2.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge
6.25 Pat & Stan **6.35 Pat & Stan** **6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures** **6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures** **7.05 Canimals** **7.10 Canimals** **7.20 Signed Stories: Share a Story** **7.25 Sooty** **7.35 Mr Bean: The Animated Series** **7.50 Ultimate Spider-Man** **8.15 Horrid Henry** **8.30 Big Time Rush** **9.00 The Aquabats! Super Show!**
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. From Oxford. (R)
10.25 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica uncovers a mystery in Italy. (R)
11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.40 FILM: Carry On Jack (1963). Comedy, with Bernard Cribbins.
1.30 All Star Family Fortunes. Rosemary Shrager and Robbie Savage take part. (R)
2.30 The X Factor. The remaining acts get into the Halloween spirit for Fright Night, facing increasing pressure to raise their game and impress with note-perfect performances. Dermot O'Leary hosts. (R)
4.30 Downton Abbey. Blake's scheming starts to come to fruition. (R)
5.30 My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. The late actress embarks on a culinary adventure across the UK. (R)
6.30 ITV News Central; Weather.
6.45 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 Keep It in the Family. Pop supergroup McBusted are this week's star assistants as two families go head to head in a series of fun-filled rounds to win big prizes. Bradley Walsh hosts.
8.00 The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes. Plus, performances by some of the biggest names in the charts.
9.00 Downton Abbey. Secrets could be exposed as Rosamund arrives at Downton following Edith's shock departure, while Isobel makes a happy announcement – but there may be trouble on the horizon.
10.05 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.25 Harry's South Pole Heroes. Part two of two. Following their intensive training programme, Prince Harry and the injured soldiers embark on their South Pole expedition, but extreme conditions take their toll. (R)
11.25 LV = Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the opening pool matches in this season's competition, including Saracens v Harlequins, London Irish v Leicester and Exeter Chiefs v Gloucester.
12.15 The Store. Home shopping.
2.20 Motorsport UK. Action from the Porsche Carrera Cup and Ginetta GT4 Supercup at Silverstone. With commentary by Richard John Neil.
3.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)
3.55 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.40 How I Met Your Mother.** Ted struggles to fire his former boss. (R)
7.05 How I Met Your Mother. The gang is forced to miss the Super Bowl. (R)
7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. A lie changes Ray's view of himself. (R)
8.25 Frasier. The psychiatrist hires a bodyguard. (R)
8.55 Frasier. The Cranes go on a fishing trip. (R)
9.30 Sunday Brunch. With Robert Plant, Brendan Sheerin and Catfish and the Bottlemen.
12.30 The Simpsons: Bart. George Bush Sr moves in across the street. (R)
1.00 The Simpsons: Lisa. With the voices of Paul and Linda McCartney. (R)
1.30 The Simpsons: Moe. Homer invents a new drink. (R)
1.55 The Simpsons: Marge. The family visits an exclusive country club. (R)
2.25 The Simpsons: The Rolling Stones. The Rolling Stones request Homer's help. (R)
2.55 The Simpsons: Mr Burns. An avalanche traps Homer and Mr Burns. (R)
3.25 The Simpsons: Ned. Ned Flanders' home is destroyed by a hurricane. (R)
3.55 The Simpsons: Maggie. Maggie goes missing. (R)
4.20 The Simpsons: Homer. Homer puts on weight. (R)
4.50 FILM: The Simpsons Movie (2007). Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta.
6.35 Channel 4 News.
7.00 WWI's Forgotten Heroes: Secret History. Former Royal Marine Arthur Williams explores the experiences of nearly two million British soldiers who suffered life-changing injuries and disabilities during the First World War.
8.00 Speed with Guy Martin. The motorcycle racer heads to Colorado, where he hopes to win one of America's oldest races, the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, which ends more than 13,000ft above sea level.
9.00 Homeland. Carrie receives a tip from Redmond regarding Quinn's lead, Saul calls in a favour with an old friend in the Pakistani military and Fara uncovers a deep-rooted conspiracy.
10.00 FILM: Shame (2011). Premiere. A sex addict's carefully ordered life starts to fall apart when he is reunited with his equally troubled sister. Drama, starring Michael Fassbender and Carey Mulligan.
11.55 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The host is joined by X Factor host Dermot O'Leary, Hollywood actor Elijah Wood, supermodel Naomi Campbell and Paloma Faith, performing her latest single. (R)
12.50 The Simpsons. (R)
1.20 American Football Live. Pittsburgh Steelers v Baltimore Ravens (Kick-off 1.30am).
4.45 NFL: Rush Zone. Animation about a young American football fan.
5.10 Win It Cook It. (R)
5.35 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05 Roary the Racing Car** **6.15 Angelina Ballerina** **6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures** **6.35 Seaside Antics** **6.40 The Mr Men Show** **6.50 Chloe's Closet** **7.05 Oly the Little White Van** **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas** **7.25 Make Way for Noddy** **7.35 Paw Patrol** **7.55 Little Princess** **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky** **8.25 Wanda and the Alien** **8.40 Zack and Quack** **9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** **9.15 Jelly Jamm** **9.30 LazyTown**
10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The turtles learn a shocking secret about April's past.
10.35 Chinese Food in Minutes. Oriental cooking. (R)
10.50 Police Interceptors. A drink-driver leaves a trail of destruction in his wake. (R)
11.50 Police Interceptors. Andy deals with a case of criminal damage at a house party. (R)
12.50 Police Interceptors. The work of Lincolnshire's Roads Policing Unit. (R)
1.50 FILM: The Ghost of Greville Lodge (2000). Supernatural family drama, starring George Cole.
3.35 FILM: The Canterville Ghost (1996). Supernatural comedy, starring Patrick Stewart.
5.25 FILM: The Witches (1990). Children's fantasy, starring Anjelica Huston.
7.10 5 News Weekend.
7.15 FILM: Beetlejuice (1988). A recently deceased couple enlist the help of a veteran ghost to teach them how to haunt their former home. Tim Burton's comedy, with Michael Keaton, Geena Davis and Alec Baldwin. Edited for language.
9.00 FILM: The Cabin in the Woods (2011). Premiere. Five students staying in an isolated house deep in a forest discover an ancient book that summons up supernatural creatures. As they defend themselves from the forces they have unleashed, they discover something far stranger and far more dangerous is going on behind the scenes. Horror, starring Kristen Connolly and Chris Hemsworth.
10.50 FILM: Piranha (2010). An underwater tremor unleashes a horde of carnivorous prehistoric fish on a seaside resort in the middle of spring break. Horror remake, starring Elisabeth Shue and Jerry O'Connell.
12.30 Campus PD. Officer Dimmitt shuts down a rowdy house party. (R)
12.55 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.
3.10 The Gadget Show. An entire edition filmed using consumer technology. (R)
4.00 House Doctor. Home improvement highlights from the series. (R)
4.25 Make It Big. The charity evening gets under way. (R)
4.50 Make It Big. The office furniture gets broken. (R)
5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.30 Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)
5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)



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The first meeting being held on the Tuesday the 6th of November, is for NFU members only. The second meeting held on Tuesday the 18th of November is open to all farmers. Please call the Oswestry NFU office on 01691 652120 to book your place.

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Cunning and wily – but it's not a fox

IF I used the adjectives 'cunning' and 'wily' and asked you to put a well-known Shropshire animal to them, you may well choose the fox. You'd certainly be right in doing so, but there is another carnivorous mammal in the county that is not just cunning and wily, but sneaky, tenacious, voracious and enigmatic.

It is too very small which is a pity because it's one of our most fascinating creatures and very few people have ever seen more than a fleeting glimpse of one. Stoats and their cunning cousins the weasels are both expert hunters with seemingly endless energy. I was going to say 'boundless' energy but that would be misleading for any frantic activity is exuded in leaps and bounds and charging little runs.

On finding their prey, the stoat will creep as low as possible until close enough for an attack. It then leaps onto it with a quick jump and kills the hapless victim (often a rabbit) by biting through the back of the skull or the neck.

Culled

As well as rabbits and young hares, stoats also take the eggs of chickens and game birds which makes them highly unpopular with gamekeepers and they are mercilessly culled in snap traps.

This is as ever a pity as there are fewer and fewer stoats in the county suffering as they are, at the hands of modern agricultural practices.

Indeed if you want rid of rabbits on your land, you need look no further than providing a good habitat for stoats. Often a stoat will kill the rabbits in a warren and then use that as a base for raising their 'kittens'.

But if you'd rather see your stoats alive and not in the steel jaws of a trap, you're going to have to

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with Ben Waddams



either rely on good old fashioned luck, or think like a stoat.

They inhabit dry stone walls on the fringes of woodland and fields for the most part and this is exactly where, as child, I would search for them with my sister and friend in tow.

One warm summer's day we strayed (as admittedly we often did) onto the nearby RAF base. This area was vast, rambling and full of old rusting plane fuselages and tunnels used for training the troops.

On one particular occasion we were busy searching through the bushes when we popped out the other side into a small gathering of important-looking people.

They were all standing more or less to attention and waiting for a car, which was making its way slowly towards us, to pull up.

The three of us, with leaves in our hair and mud on our trousers, stood right at the front and no one seemed to mind.

The car pulled up and stopped directly next to us. I remember thinking it was a rather posh car, and why were those Royal Standards doing on the front? The Queen stepped out, bent down and said 'nice flag'.

I looked beside me and my sister and her friend had, bizarrely, realised at the last minute that one of them has a small England flag in their pocket and pulled the crumpled thing out.

We didn't find any stoats that day, but it felt satisfying to know that we were evidently enjoying the outdoor life and our interest and intrigue for the local wildlife was clear, if a little grubby.

I surely can't be wrong on that fact because we had, after all, been given the Royal seal of approval.



Stoaty Alert – by Ben Waddams

Study will investigate archive plan

ARCHIVES and information management services could be housed together after Powys County Council's cabinet agreed to fund a detailed study into plans.

The council wants to redevelop the building where its information management service is currently housed at Ddole Road in Llandrindod Wells.

The council's cabinet has agreed to spend £43,000 to allow the council to work up more detailed costings for the project.

The cabinet also agreed to investigate opportunities for grant funding and explore possibilities for joint work with Powys Teaching Health Board.

The authority has been searching for a more suitable store for the county's public archives after being warned by the national archives that they could remove it from the county.

Councillor Garry Banks, cabinet member for property and assets, said: "It has been my intention to move this project forward."

"The council has been searching for a suitable building to properly manage, preserve and provide public access when it became clear that the current archive facilities are not adequate and without urgent action, we risk losing the right to house some of our most important documents."

"We also have a corporate responsibility to maintain our records and our record-keeping systems comply with current legislation."

"The potential in redeveloping the existing building at Ddole Road will not only increase capacity space for both services, it presents a sustainable solution that ensures the long term preservation of Powys's written heritage for the benefit of current and future users."

Councillor Rosemarie Harris, deputy leader and cabinet member for regeneration, added: "I am pleased to see the work to find a solution to this problem has allowed us to keep and improve the archives service in Llandrindod Wells."

"Archives are now recognised as an important contributor to regeneration and tourism, with a great many people wishing to research their family history and local area."

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Said Antonio, who joined Arthurs at the start of the year: "This is the latest and one of the most important sales that Arthurs Vauxhall has made in its dealings with the local community."

"We very much value business with the local community of which Oswestry School is a key player."

"It is not only Vauxhall mini buses that the local community is purchasing."

"We are selling more and more new and used Vauxhall vans to local customers both trades and deliverers and we are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new Vivaro van."

"Our relationship with the local community continues to grow and sales of our commercial product are going from strength to strength which is most encouraging."

"We believe it demonstrates that the economy is on the up which we are all pleased to see."

Oswestry School Bursar Phil Bowd said: "We are delighted with our latest

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"We find that the Vauxhall Movano is really fuel efficient."

Steve Hughes, Arthurs operations manager said: "We are delighted with the success that Antonio is achieving with businesses and other community organisations."

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New Fabia all set for launch

By David Banner

Škoda has announced prices and equipment specifications for the all-new, third-generation Fabia. And, just as the original Fabia did 14 years ago, the new model is set to redefine sector expectations for quality, efficiency and equipment. The 18-model Fabia range arrives in the UK in January and is offered in three trim levels: S, SE and Elegance, with prices starting from just £10,600 on-the-road.

Entry-level S models include six airbags, DAB digital radio, Bluetooth, Stop/Start and electric front windows as standard, while SE models (from £12,760 on-the-road) add manual air-conditioning, alloy wheels, Front assist, Arkamys surround sound package and Bolero radio with telephone control, Mirror Link, USB and SD card connections.

SE models also include a three-spoke leather steering wheel, height adjustable driver and passenger seat and a Maxi-DOT trip computer. Range-topping Elegance models (from £13,610 on-the-road) add

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even more features including, 16-inch alloy wheels, climate control air-conditioning, Light assistant, cruise control and KESSY – keyless entry system.

In addition to its generous equipment levels, the new Fabia features a striking new look, sector-best practicality, greater efficiency and a host of Simply Clever innovations. Utilising advanced MQB platform architecture, the new Fabia performs the impossible by being larger and stronger than its best-selling predecessor, yet tipping the scales at up to 65kg less. This significant reduction, along with the introduction of cleaner EU6-compliant engines makes the new Fabia up to 17 per cent more efficient.

The new Fabia also features a new personalisation programme that offers customers the chance to create their perfect

car. The Colour Concept system allows owners to become designers, with 15 different body colours, and a number of wheel, roof and exterior mirror colour options. Buyers will also be able to choose from three interior trim styles.

In terms of space and practicality, the new Fabia's interior is longer and larger than in the outgoing model, with all occupants also enjoying increased headroom. Although the new model is 8 mm shorter than its predecessor, its interior length has increased by around 8 mm to 1,674 mm. Elbow room is also greater at 1,401 mm (21 mm wider) at the front and 1,386 mm (2 mm wider) at the rear.

Bigger

The boot is the largest within the car's segment. The boot has a capacity of 330 litres (15 litres more than the outgoing model) and is considerably bigger than comparable competitors' models. With the rear seats folded down, the load capacity increases to 1,150 litres.

Škoda brand director Alasdair Stewart said: 'We're delighted to be announcing final details of our Fabia range as the car makes its public debut. The Fabia enjoys a loyal following in the UK and it has been our most popular model with buyers. I'm confident that the new car with its reduced running costs and high equipment levels will continue to be in-demand with new and existing customers alike.'



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Long wait but well worth it

By Graham Breeze

Jaguar made us all wait for the arrival of the XF Sportbrake, but it was well worth it.

Sportbrake is simply a posh name for an estate car and this Jaguar goes head-to-head with Audi A6 Avant, BMW 5 Series Touring and Mercedes E-Class – the only company prepared to call their model an estate.

The Sportbrake is the first sports estate car to be produced by Jaguar in the XF range, building on the acclaimed saloon claiming increased versatility and practicality.

Jaguar expects a quarter of all XF's bought to be Sportbacks in an all-diesel line up of which the 2.2 R-Sport on test is the pick of the bunch with matching looks and performance.

Designers have come up trumps by suc-

cessfully integrating the extra estate bodwork into the good looking lines of the Jaguar and although the wheelbase is unchanged you get a longer roof, which adds to the quality look.

Inside you experience very little change from the impressive saloon model with plenty of blue lighting, the trademark rotary gear selector as well as leather trim across the range.

Answers

If it's space you want the the XF Sportbrake has all the answers with 550 litres of boot space when the rear seats are upright and 1,675 litres with the rear seats folded flat. Pulling a couple of levers helps to reveal a 60/40 split rear bench.

If you need more space you are probably looking for a van.

Self-levelling rear air suspension is fitted as standard to keep things level when fully loaded, though that does mean you tend to feel every pothole you hit. The tailgate is



'Appealing proposition to company car drivers and fleet managers with all the benefits of driving a Jaguar.'

electrically powered as standard on Luxury models and above.

The entry-level 163bhp diesel on test was quick enough with 0-60mph in less than 10 seconds.

There's a top speed of 124mph and superb combined fuel consumption figures of 57.7mpg. CO2 emission figures are good too at 129g/km.

The Sportback is not for throwing around bends but instead is a refined performer, offering all the luxury you would expect from a brand.

The model on test came with an on-the-road price of £36,495 but extras which

included a sunroof, cruise control, xenon headlights, a mirror pack, keyless entry, carpets and intelligent high beams, pushed the price up over the £40,000 mark.

You get plenty for your money though with LED lights, R-Sport badging, touch screen controls, rear parking camera, DAB radio, Bluetooth, stop/start system, a pedestrian contact sensor system, tyre pressure monitoring and much more.

The Sportbrake is an appealing proposition to company car drivers and fleet managers with all the benefits of driving a Jaguar along with greater fuel economy and reduced emissions.

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38 Ladies keep up the pace with another superb win

Oswestry & Border Chronicle Thursday, October 30, 2014

ANOTHER strong performance kept Oswestry Ladies in touching distance of the pacesetters in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two with a fine 3-1 home success against Warrington.

The win consolidated third spot, just three points adrift of the two joint leaders, and they will hope to continue their rich vein of form after the half term break when they resume their action a week on Saturday against Triton at Oswestry School.

The hosts made a strong start to last week's match, putting together periods of fantastic passing play, while creating lots of space and opportunities.

Warrington were frustrated due to their opponents' speed and fluidity of this play, while any attacks were quickly closed down.

The strong play allowed Oswestry to go 2-0 up thanks to well placed shots from Sarah Lowe and Tracey Royle.

Corner

There was a slight drop in intensity in the middle of the match and Warrington were able to pull a goal back through a strong strike from a short corner.

However, Oswestry worked hard as a team to gain control of the ball again, and soon looked dangerous in attack.

This put the Warrington defence under high levels of pressure and the hosts were awarded a series of consecutive short corners.

After a number of near misses, Royle was able to find the goal to seal a fifth win in seven outings, with the other two games seeing draw and just one defeat.

Oswestry could take plenty of heart from the way they tried to develop their fluid, passing play which continually made the opposition defenders uneasy.

St Martins Village net 17 times in goal feast

GOBOWEN CELTIC kept up the pressure on the leaders in the Mercian Regional League division two with a 3-2 home success over one of their main rivals, Belvidere.

Joe Pierpoint scored twice and Ryan Lock grabbed the other as Celtic consolidated second spot, and are five points off the pace.

In the same division, ST MARTINS VILLAGE hammered the league's whipping boys Denso 17-1 in a remarkable goal rush.

Tom Nash and Kyle Stephenson both scored four goals, Brian Wood weighed in with a hat-trick, while Will Richards and Joe Roberts both netted twice. To rub salt into the Denso wounds, two own goals completed the rout.

WESTON RHYN'S premier division clash at high flying Telford Juniors was postponed as the struggling visitors were unable to fulfil the fixture.

It has been a tough season for Rhyon who were rocked in the summer with manager Matt Owen involved in a serious road accident, and unable to continue at the helm.

This term, a locally based side has found the going tough, and has lost all six games played.



Bowler Jack Shantry will be hoping for more success with Oswestry and Worcestershire next season

Shantry gets new Pears deal

JACK Shantry, the Worcestershire left armer who will be Oswestry's contracted player for next season, has been rewarded with a new contract following a successful campaign for the first class county.

The 26-year-old played a prominent role in helping the Pears to promotion in division one the County Championship last term, taking 56 wickets at an average of 23.86 and his efforts earned him an extended three-year deal.

Shantry underlined his credentials against Surrey in September, taking 10 wickets in the match and scoring his maiden first class century to help his side to a crucial victory.

Another Oswestry player, England under-19s wicketkeeper batsman Joe Clarke, has also capped a success-

ful campaign by landing a new contract with Worcestershire along with Shrewsbury duo Ed Barnard and Steve Leach.

Shantry's new deal means he will remain at New Road until the end of the 2017 campaign, while Oswestry will also be delighted to have him on board for next season in the Birmingham Cricked League division one.

"Jack was very successful in all forms of the game last season and to sign a player of that calibre so early in the close season is a real statement of intent from the club," said Oswestry captain Mark Robinson.

"He is a class player and we are hoping that he could play as many as 10 or 11 games for us, but to even play one game for us would be a bonus. With

us being a Shropshire club, I know he would want to help as much as possible and move the club forward.

"Jack has been playing county cricket regularly for four or five years now, and he is a great acquisition."

Since making his debut for Worcestershire in 2009, Shrewsbury-based Shantry has taken 165 first-class wickets, as well as a further 76 in List A and 70 in Twenty20 cricket. In addition, he has scored 1,070 first class runs at an average of nearly 20.

Pears coach Steve Rhodes hailed Shantry's contribution, adding: "He wants to make sure he contributes for the team with both bat and ball.

"Although he is not an elder statesman, Jack is now one of the older and more senior players."

Saints feel aggrieved as chances go begging

AFTER their recent run of fine results, St Martins were brought down to earth with a 4-0 loss at AFC Ludlow in the West Midlands League division one.

But the scoreline was harsh on the visitors who had enough opportunities to have returned from south Shropshire with some reward from an end-to-end affair.

Ryan Butcher's men should have been ahead at the break, with Shawn Melusi curling a free kick just past the post while in another raid, Melusi rattled the post after wriggling his way through the defence.

However, Ludlow struck right on half-time to take the lead when Steve Benyon's under-hit back pass was intercepted by Dale Hodge who squared for Marian Jusko to convert.

The home side doubled their lead on the hour when a free kick was partially cleared, only for Jusko to net his second of the game from the resulting cross.

Melusi went close again from a Guy Guilford cross, while Sam Litchfield appeared to be fouled in the box, but the referee waved play on, and Ludlow broke upfield and Jusko completed his hat-trick after a shot bounced into the striker's path.

Liam Taylor then headed a fourth but the Saints kept going with Karl Bailey heading a Guilford cross against the post.

Tennis side keep up the good work

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's first mixed team were again in winning form as they played their final home fixture of the season this week against a side from Boughey Gardens.

As in their previous fixtures to date, it was another dominant performance with the loss of only four games throughout the whole match.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Josie Macrae and Matt Grice made short work of the opposition in straight sets 6-1, 6-1 victory over Boughey's first pair, while the second pair of captain Kat Oakley partnered by Gary Edwards were even more ruthless with a straight sets 6-0, 6-0 win against Boughey's second pair.

The play continued in the same vein in the reverse rubbers with both pairs again demolishing the opposition, Oakley and Edwards taking theirs in straight sets 6-0, 6-0 and Macrae and Grice 6-0, 6-2.

This victory gives the Oswestry team a good lead at the top of their group with two away fixtures to play.

GOLF RETURNS

HENILLE PARK

234 Competition: 1 Tony Meehan, Sara Meehan, John Sutcliffe & Jay McKay 101pts, G Owen, M Higginson, J M Evans & D O Evans 99pts.

Seniors: Four Ball Betterball Stableford: 1 Barrie Evans Alistair Wright 39pts, 2 Clive Verall Albert Davies 36pts, 3 Arnie Elwin Fred Woolnough 35pts (CB).

OSWESTRY

Ladies' Draw for Partners 3-2-1 (Stableford): 1 M Male, A Garbett, D Hall, G Edge 58pts;

Nine holes: 1 M Afford, B Bebbington, E Jones 33pts; 2 S Baxter, E Gill, S Watanabe 29pts; 3 E Gwilt, G Ankers, A Barker 28pts; 4 J Ferries, A Colquhoun, C Johnson 28 pts

Massam at the double as Eagles soar to second spot

ON-SONG Oswestry stayed hard on the heels of the South Lincs and Cheshire Two leaders after soaring to second in the table with a 32-17 home victory against plucky Port Sunlight at Granville Park.

The Wirral visitors proved a tough proposition, but eventually succumbed to the Eagles who have now made it seven wins in eight outings to move to within four points of table toppers Liverpool Collegiate.

From their kick off, Port pushed Oswestry back with their big pack probing and prodding for that vital first score as they forced the hosts to defend their line.

Despite being on the back foot, the home defence held firm, and started to counter attack themselves with superb play from Tom Thorpe pushing his pack forward and masterful scrum-half Hamish Fuller playing quick ball to eager the backs.

Gaz Hughes, playing at an unfamiliar position of fly-half, released his powerful runners in the back line and quick ball through the hands of Chris Roberts and Rob Massam led to Hughes himself taking a superb pass to cross for an unconverted try.

Penalties

With Port Sunlight reeling under the onslaught, Oswestry doubled their lead with a second unconverted try, a spectacular effort from Massam who received the ball from behind his own 10-metre line, before running, ducking and diving through the opposition backs to score to the left of the posts.

However, the visitors clawed their way back with some excellent play as the Eagles conceded penalties, but their efforts were again frustrated by some determined defence before finding their way through courtesy of their big pack as they dived over the line following a quick move to trail 10-5 at the interval.

After some strong words at half-time from coach Gaz

RUGBY UNION by John Bridgwater

Barratt, the Eagles started to put some excellent game play together early in the second period, but they paid the price for conceding a soft penalty as Port took the opportunity to level matters with another unconverted touchdown.

Deciding on changes, the introduction of some fresh legs did the trick as winger Massam again worked his magic when powering through for another unconverted try as the hosts regained the lead.

The Eagles were now in full flow, launching some excellent moves much to the delight of their supporters, with Fuller putting his backs on the front foot while captain Andy Smith urged his pack on.

These concerted efforts paid dividends as Oswestry bagged a fourth unconverted try to lead 20-10 as Chris Hesketh stormed over following a powerful maul and drive close to the visitors' line.

The Eagles were now dominating play and coach Barratt again rang the changes to ensure the home team maintained the momentum as they pushed Port to the limits.

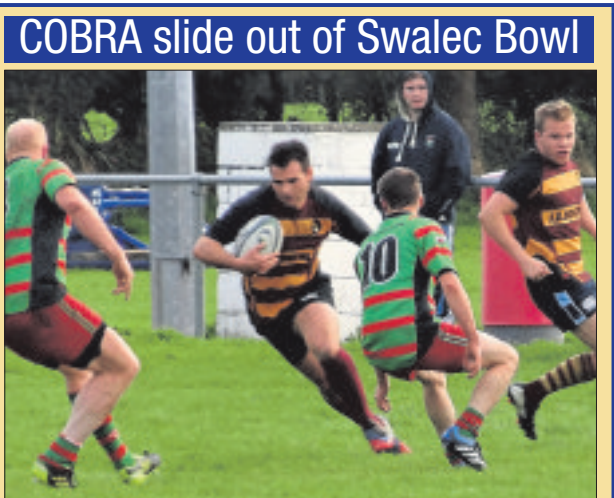
Another maul close to the try line saw Ollie Wilford, James Booth, Zac Baldwin, Rich Owen and the front three stalwarts of Hesketh, Smith and Mike Keaveny use their power to set up Hesketh for his second try of the match, the score again unconverted.

Again the Eagles probed and pushed Port back with excellent moves, starting attack after attack and a sixth try duly arrived with a superb move when Fuller kicked a sweet ball in the air for flanker Baldwin to catch and score under the posts, Dan Williams converting.

Port gained a consolation in the last minute their spirited efforts deserved when crossing for a converted try, but Oswestry were already home and dry long before as they continued their winning ways.

They head to rock bottom Trentham on Saturday, looking to consolidate second spot in what is shaping up to be a terrific campaign.

Without a game last weekend, OSWESTRY II will be looking to push into the top half of the Freshlet division four (south) when they host their Heaton Moor counterparts on Saturday.



Pool bow out as well

COBRA could have no complaints as they bowed out of the Swalec Bowl after suffering a 45-18 exit at impressive Pwllheli in their second round clash.

It was always going to prove a tall order for the Meifod side whose priority this season is on making sure of survival in the division one (north).

Taking the chance to field some of their younger players, the visitors played well in patches, but found the hosts in ruthless mood as they capitalised on most of their scoring chances to run out comfortable winners.

Llew Williams kicked two first half penalties, while COBRA crossed the line twice in the second half through centre Iwan Vaughan and coach Matt Griffiths, who came on as a replacement in the back row in a rare outing.

"Our priority this season is to make sure we stay in the division, so we were not too fussed about the cup," said Griffiths. "But there were positives, we played well at times, but Pwllheli are a strong side and seemed to score every

time they attacked."

COBRA now return to action in the Swalec League division one (north) on Saturday when they host Bethesda as they chase a third victory on the bounce. Prop Hywel Jones, who missed last weekend's action, is set to be included following a troublesome shoulder problem.

WELSHPOOL went out of the Swalec Bowl with a 26-16 at home to Flint who made the most of their chances to run in two tries in each half.

There was little between the sides, but Pool paid for their mistakes despite battling all the way, with fullback Chris Proctor getting their one try in the second half.

Andrew Thomas kicked 11 points, one conversion and three penalties, with two of his kicks coming in the first half as the Maesdyre men trailed 14-6 at the interval.

Welshpool hold their sponsors and past players day on Saturday when both their first and second teams play at home against Holyhead and Llandudno respectively. Both matches kick off at 2.30pm.

Llanfair hit five – but boss not too impressed

UNBEATEN high fliers Llanfair United maintained a five point lead at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division one with an emphatic 5-0 victory at Aberaeron.

“It was nowhere near as easy as it sounds,” said manager Rhys Stephens whose side were made to battle before sealing the win with a flurry of late goals.

They led 1-0 at the interval after Luke Gethin had headed home a Paul Griffiths free-kick, but had been under the cosh for the early part of the season half.

However, the move to push two players up front paid off as they scored four times, Dan Jones finishing with a hat-trick in the last 13 minutes and Ross Frame getting the other, his ninth goal of the season.

LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGES are up to second after seeing off lowly MONTGOMERY 2-1 at Treflan.

Despite trailing, they hit back to level with a penalty from Matthew Jones before taking a half time lead when Glenn Evans headed in a free kick.

Although no more goals in a four second period, the Villagers had done enough to secure their seventh win of the campaign following their earlier enterprise.

Points

A creditable display saw WATERLOO ROVERS finish 1-1 at home to second placed Rhosgoch who had taken the lead through Trefor Lloyd before Barry Haralambous levelled.

WELSHPOOL gained a much-needed win after prevailing 3-2 at Aberystwyth University to climb back up to sixth in the table.

Travelling with just 11 players, including three 16-year-olds, the Lilywhites would have been delighted to get the points as they overcame a 2-1 half time deficit.

Jack Harris fired Pool into an early lead from a Will Thomas cross, but the college hit back with a fine David Glover free kick and a deflected strike from Christoph Paulik to hold an advantage at the interval.

However, the visitors dug deep to hit back in the second period, a Harris free kick eluding keeper Adam Walters before Martyn Ziemann headed in a Thomas corner.

Ellis brace helps Colts over line

TWO goals from Tom Ellis helped Waterloo Colts to a 4-1 win over close neighbours Welshpool reserves in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two at Maesdyre.

Pool had taken the lead through Tom Andrew but Ellis’ brace along with goals from James Watkins and Adam Gough turned the game.

In division one, Guilsfield reserves slumped 4-0 to buoyant Bettws whose Barry Bellis fired a hat-trick.

Results

Honda Division One: Abermule Res 0 Waterloo Res 4, Bettws 4 Guilsfield Res 0, Llanfyllin 5 Meifod 2, Llanrhaeadr Res 2 Caersws Res 5, Trefonen 2 Llanfair Res 0.

Mitsubishi Division Two: Llansantffraid Res 0 Newtown Wanderers 6, Maesyrhandir 0 Forden Utd 1, Welshpool Res 1 Waterloo Colts 4.

Llansantffraid Village Cup, round one: Llansantffraid Res 0 Abermule Res 3.



Welshpool driver James Watkins on the Cambrian Rally

Watkins feeling deflated

JAMES Watkins rued his bad luck after picking up untimely punctures on the Cambrian National Rally that saw him miss out on the Welsh Championship title that he won 12 months ago.

It was a disappointing finish to the season for the Welshpool rally ace who admitted he was unsure about his plans for next season.

Taking part in his last rally of 2014, Watkins travelled to Llandudno with high hopes, being partnered for this event by Cardiff’s Tudur Rees.

The rally used the forest tracks around Bettws y Coed, some of which will be used on next month’s World Rally Championship finale, the Wales Rally GB. The conditions were slippery and quite rough, especially in the afternoon.

And the season ended in disappointment for Watkins when he relinquished the title he had claimed last year.

Two punctures on the Bettws y Coed forest stages cost him valuable time and allowed his close rival Sion Ellis of Dolgellau to edge home by 11 seconds to take the honours.

“We had a battle all day with Sion Ellis, swapping times on every stage but having not had a puncture for three years of rallying we’ve had two today, which have dropped us some time,” said Watkins at the finish at Llandudno.

“We really flew the last stage,

setting 40th fastest time out of 140 competitors and taking 11 seconds off Sion but it was just not enough and he beat us by eight seconds winning our class in the Welsh Championship.”

This year has been a tough one for Watkins with engine failures and punctures but no accidents. He is now second in his class in the Pirelli Welsh National Championship and third Junior (under 25).

“I must thank my sponsors and the team at Geoff Jones Motorsport for their hard work and invaluable support during 2014,” he said.

“We are not sure about next year but we are looking at the Wales Rally GB in November and some other events during the year – we’ll see!”

Four-star Oswestry Town ease to victory

FC OSWESTRY Town maintained their good run of form to cement their place in the upper reaches of the Merican Regional League premier division with a resounding 4-0 home victory over Shifnal United 97, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Al Morris scored twice, while Rob Shone and Paul Bache were also on target, to put Town in fine fettle ahead of Saturday’s Shropshire Challenge Cup tie with Ketley Bank at Park Hall stadium (1.30pm).

The Oswestry hosts came straight out of the blocks when usual suspect Calum Williams supplied yet another free-kick to Morris who slotted home at the back post.

Town were dominating the game and midway through the half striker Bache scored the second with a well taken individual goal.

The visitors had few chances but, when they did, keeper Paul Morris was on hand to keep the Town goal intact, and it remained 2-0 at the break.

The second half saw an early dismissal for a Shifnal player after an altercation with the referee, and soon Town made it three when good work from Elliot Howes resulted in a corner that was taken by Bache and finished by Shone with a thumping header.

Town should have made it four but Adam Jones managed to miss out with an empty net beckoning, but Jones made amends when he sent a pinpoint ball to Morris who fired home to complete the rout.

After finishing 2-2 with Wem, FC Oswestry Town kept their nerve to win the penalty shootout 4-3 to progress to the semi-finals of the Commander Ethelston Cup.

Levelled

On a windy wet Yockings Park in Whitchurch, Town’s debut in the competition did not start well as Wem took a second minute lead when a corner was well headed home.

This shook Town in to action and within 10 minutes they levelled when a Cal Williams free kick was met by Rob Shone’s head to leave the Wem keeper rooted.

The Oswestry side were now on top and were soon in front with Williams’ pinpoint pass finding Dan Graham who slotted home at the back post.

Wem had the chance to level before the break when they were awarded a penalty, but keeper Paul Morris made a wonderful save.

The second half saw Wem have most of the play and midway through the half they were level with a well taken header, the last score of the game which brought a penalty shootout.

Wem missed their first spot kick with Town players Graham, Williams, Morris and Howes all converting their spot kicks, before Wem’s fifth penalty was well saved by Morris to send Town in to the semis.

Merican Regional Football League PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Telford Towns	9	8	1	0	8	25	
AF Cheadle	11	7	3	1	13	24	
Well Arns R	12	6	3	3	26	17	
Whitchurch A	9	6	2	1	21	14	20
Shifnal Utd 97	11	5	4	2	27	17	
FC Oswestry T	10	5	2	3	23	14	17
Allscott	10	4	3	3	24	15	
Ketley Bank Utd	11	5	0	6	27	31	
AF Cheadle	10	4	6	5	19	22	
Wroxeter Rovers	9	3	1	5	22	10	
Prees	11	2	2	7	19	31	8
Madeley Sports	10	2	6	13	26	8	
Childs Ercall	9	1	4	4	19	7	
Church Stretton	11	1	3	7	19	6	
Weston Rhyn	11	0	6	5	33	0	

New Saints leave it late – but net win over Newtown

Newtown 2 The New Saints 3

THE New Saints again showed their never-say-die attitude after snatching a dramatic last-gasp winner at Newtown to maintain their tight grip at the top of the Welsh Premier.

With the Robins having clawed their way back from a two-goal deficit, the encounter appeared to be heading for a draw when substitute Chris Seargeant fired home a deflected strike in the fourth minute of injury time.

It was a cruel blow for the hosts who had enjoyed the better of the second half as they looked set for a well earned second draw of the season against the league leaders.

However, in the dying seconds, Sergeant launched a speculative effort goalwards, with the ball taking a wicked deflection as it left keeper Dave Jones stranded before flying into the net.

Saints boss Craig Harrison admitted that defeat was tough on Newtown – but hailed his side’s attacking enterprise late on.

“A draw would not have been the end of the world as we would still have had a good cushion at the top,” he said.

“But we wanted to win the game, put two centre forwards on, and I felt we deserved the win overall, although it was harsh on Newtown.

“They played very well, and we didn’t, but you’ll take three points every time, particularly when you haven’t played that well.

“To be 11 games unbeaten, and having dropped just four points, has been a fantastic start for us.”

The Saints again needed to dig deep as they stood the Robins’ revival, although it was the unbeaten league leaders who were soon into their stride as they dominated the early possession.

Adrian Cieslewicz proved a constant threat, and the winger provided the as-

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

sist for TNS’ opener in the fourth minute when his pass found Aeron Edwards who waltzed through the Newtown defence to fire home.

Cieslewicz also played his part in the second goal in the 24th minute as he launched a powerful run before squaring to Mike Wilde to convert from close in.

Newtown looked in disarray at that point, but they immediately sounded warning when Jason Oswell’s header was saved by Paul Harrison while Craig Williams then steered the ball wide at the far post.

But a minute later they found the net when the lively Oswell broke clear of the defence before confidently slotting past keeper Harrison to bring the Robins back into the game.

Spurred by the goal, the hosts went close to levelling when Tom Goodwin headed just wide from the edge of the box and Shane Sutton also nodded a Williams free kick just over the bar on the stroke of half time.

Newtown were up for the battle in the second half, starting in determined fashion they enjoyed plenty of

possession as they took the game to their visitors.

And their efforts were soon rewarded seven minutes after the break when Matt Hearsey launched a run before lashing home terrific strike from an acute angle.

The Robins were more than a match for the defending champions in the second half, but were left to rue missed chances which included an Oswell opportunity at the far post on 72 minutes from a Hearsey cross, while substitute Alex Hughes failed to capitalise when through late on.

The encounter appeared to be heading for a draw, but the Saints snatched a valuable three points somewhat fortuitously to stun the Latham Park faithful.

It was a disappointing outcome for Newtown who have proved worthy opponents for TNS on two occasions this season, but their display augurs well for a top six placing this season.

As for the Saints, it could prove a crucial three points that has further strengthened their grip at the top of the table in what is fast becoming a one-horse race for the title.

PLACINGS

Wheatland Indoor Cricket League

Division one: Wiley 112-3 (M.Brown 32 no, S.Walters 26, R.Plant 15, N.Morris 2-28), Cae Glas 72-4 (N.Morris 20, R.Plant 2-25). Wiley won by 40 runs; Condoever 86-5 (M.Farr 21, A.Hodgkiss 18 no, T.Ellis 3-16), Bornere Heath 70 (P.Bolland 21, M.Griffiths 2-13). Condoever won by 16 runs; Alberbury 50 (T.Anderson 18, E.Davies 2-8, A.Williams 2-8). Grasshoppers 53-1 (C.Heath 25 no). Grasshoppers won by 5 wickets.

Division two: Shelton 121 (M.Chambers 38, M.Davies 22, J.Case 3-24), Count 71 (J.Case 20, K.Hamer 15). Shelton won by 50 runs; Grove 98 (C.Haylett 47, M.Smart 26, M.Higgins 2-8), Beacon 99-5 (M.Higgins 38 no, S.Thornton 20, M.Jordan 3-26). Beacon won by 1 wicket; Rough & Tumblers 78-2 (J.Davies 23 no), Church Stretton 67 (G.Williams 25 no, J.Wigley 2-8, R.Cooke 2-17). Rough & Tumblers won by 11 runs.

TNS hold nerve for win over rivals



Newtown’s Matt Hearsey fires his side level following a weaving run in the box – but TNS had the last word to run out 3-2 winners. Picture: Kevin Hughes.



White nets from range

INJURY-HIT Llanrhaeadr earned their place in the fourth round of the FA of Wales Trophy with a 3-1 extra-time win at Machynlleth helped by a stunning long distance strike from Ben White.

With nine players missing, it looked to be a testing trip for the visitors who had already lost to Mach in the Spar Mid Wales League division one this season.

And so it proved as Harry Holt gave the home side the lead, before Joe Vaughan’s reply proved enough to take the tie into the extra period.

White then gave Llanrhaeadr the lead in spectacular style when his strike from just inside the home half beat the keeper and dipped just under the bar, before Iwan Matthews sealed the win with No 3.

Second half strikes from Mark Lunt and Andrew Webb helped FOUR CROSSES overcome local rivals Dyffryn Banw who had the better of the game in the first half.

BERRIEW bowed out, beaten 4-2 at Bow Street despite twice leading, as goals from Ian Burrell, Nicky Smith, Tom Williams and Stef Davies turned the tie.

Penrhynoch are also through, but were made to battle all the way in their 3-2 passage at home to Welsh National League side Ruthin Town

Ben Holt scored twice as Tywyn Brynrcrug made light of their struggles in the Spar Mid Wales League to progress to the fourth round with a 3-1 home win over Llangollen Town, Nick Williams also on target.

It's a big afternoon for WELSHPOOL who welcome Holyhead in division three (north) – with the club also staging its sponsors and past players day.

Guildsfield were made to battle all the

■ Berriew cast aside their FA of Wales Trophy disappointment with a 4-2 home win over Aberystwyth University in mid-week – only their second victory in the Spar Mid Wales League division one this term.

The sub played his part in Andrew Webb's eighth goal of the season before Mark Lunt doubled the lead when racing onto Owain Willcock's pass before chipping the advancing keeper.

Jack Harris scored a goal in each half to see off the students, with Martyn Ziemann heading the winner, and Pool are back on the road again this Saturday with a trip to Aberaeron.

"We can play better."

■ TNS ladies face Leaf-field Athletic in the FA Cup third qualifying round at Yockings Park, Whitchurch, on Sunday (1pm).

A date for the rescheduled game has yet to be confirmed.

The captain's award for best support went to Cissie Morgan; the season's highest score went to Pat Theobald and the captain's prize for 'outstanding help' was awarded to Steve Theobald.



Oswestry's second string face a tricky trip to Bangor.



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